

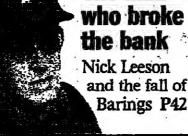
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Closed circuit TV may have filmed terrorists

By Michael Evans, Bill Frost and Stewart Tendler

JOHN MAJOR held talks with senior Cabinet colleagues last night to finalise a security clampdown aimed at foiling a renewed IRA bombing campaign as police and security services issued a warning that they expect further attacks on

The meeting in Downing Street, amended by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, was called after the huge explosion in London Docklands last Friday, which brought to an end the 17-month ceasefire.

The Prime Minister is due to make a statement about the attack in the Commons this

it emerged yesterday that MIS had warned the Government a month ago to expect a renewal of violence, but the Security Service had not believed any resumption would take place before the beginning of March.

After the Docklands attack, which killed two and injured more than 100. MI5 also said there would be more terrorist attacks on the mainland, and possibly in Northern Ireland. Last night, David Veness, the Assistant Commissioner in overall charge of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch and Special Branch, said further attacks could be launched mainland". Sir Paul passed on the warning personally to the

Prime Minister. Police yesterday issued details of the lorry used to carry the bomb. It was a Ford lowloader of the type used to transport vehicles, and bore the false registration C229 GWG. The vehicle is believed

to be about II years old. The Yard is optimistic that

Lightning effects Victims of the world's biggest multiple lightning strike were left with odd skin markings

and have shown strange psy-chological effects since they

were injured five months ago

Closed books

Academics say that English

A-level courses which allowed

schools to avoid nearly all pre-

20th century literature were

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6 Three days ago the nationalist position was stronger than at any time in the present troubles. The bomb has

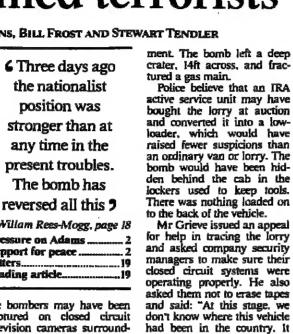
-Willam Rees-Mogg, page 18 Pressure on Adams Leading article

the bombers may have been captured on closed circuit elevision cameras surrounddevice was left. Commander John Grieve, the head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch and national co-ordinator of terrorist investigations, said: "We have got a lot of closed circuit television. We are analysing it at the mo-ment. There is material from all around the area."

how long the lorry bomb had been parked near South Quay railway station, apart from saying: "It was there long enough for us to be content about the index number and

remarkable many

Nearby grey steel cladding lay twisted and shards of glass



would be awful if there was a tape of this vehicle somewhere and it was wiped. When we have a better idea of the vehicle's whereabouts, video surveillance film could be very Within hours of the attack, forces across Britain returned the state of alert that

He would not comment on

Standing amid the debris from the blast. Mr Grieve said that between 500lb and 1,000lb of explosive was used. 'It was a big bomb. It is more people were not killed. There were vehicles parked everywhere and people were moving them as a result of the



Armed police returned to security checkpoints in the City of London yesterday

Council were no longer prepared to go along with the peace initiative begun by Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein

trish police believe that during the past month the IRA has been moving men and equipment to Britain and Northern Ireland from the

1994, but a month ago the language changed dramatical-The Intelligence warnings were given to key ministers, ly when it was realised that the including Mr Major, and the police. However, the MI5 ashardline camp in the seven-

sessment was only part of the picture. There was a political assessment and although ministers were prepared for a breakdown in the peace process, there appeared to have been a general view that the hardliners would wait until

the end of the month. According to security sources in London and Dublin, the decision to end the ceasefire and revert to bombing was taken by all seven members of the council when it became clear that a "disastrous" split would follow if there was not unanimity.

Over recent weeks, the hardliners, who claim to represent almost 50 per cent of IRA membership, made plain to their leaders they had lost patience with the faltering peace process, security sources opposed the ceasefire from the start and threatened to "go it alone" unless the mainland campaign was resumed.

Bruton warns Major not to 'pour petrol on the flames'

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, NICHOLAS WATT AND MARTIN FLETCHER

THE Prime Minister was trying last night to contain a serious new rift with Dublin over the events which led to Friday's bomb and an end to the 17-month IRA ceasefire:

At the same time, President Clinton pledged to do all in his power to rescue the Irish peace initiative. The people of Great Britain do not deserve to have this violence ... We will not stop in our efforts until peace has been secured," he declared on the White House lawn.

But divisions between London and Dublin were plain from remarks by John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, who bitterly criticised British policy towards the search for a lasting peace. Only hours after Sir Patrick Maybew the Northern Ireland Secretary, had again extelled elections as the "door into the conference chamber" Mr Bruton denounced the idea. He said that elections so seon after the resumption of violence would "pour petrol on the flames" and accused Mr Major of making a "mistake" sidelining the Mitchell Report's call for decommissioning of IRA weapons only when all party talks were.

Mr Bruton also dismissed. Mr Major's call for Sun Fein to denounce the bombing of South Quay in London's docklands as a "waste of time" and said the top priority was a restoration of the IRA ceasefire. "We should concentrate on the main goal, which is stopping the violence now, getting them [Sinn Fein] to get the IRA to say we're stopping

mance on BBC television, Mr Bruton accused the IRA and Sinn Fein of "throwing back in our face the act of faith Dublin had made in assuming the ceasefire was irrevocable. Accordingly, he had cut off all political meetings with Sinn Fein, although lines of communication were being kept open. Britain, which had earlier been prepared to continue talking to Sinn Fein, later apparently followed suit.

Mr Major spoke to Mr. Bruton shortly after his relevision appearance. Downing Street officials said the 20 minute telephone conversation had been "friendly and constructive", but admitted that differences remained over elections, Mr Bruton said that he-wanted Dayton-style talks with all parties under one roof. but in different rooms, of the kind that eventually secured a settlement in Bosnii

With the peace process in turmoil, Sir Patrick said on BBC's Breakfast with Frost that Britain would neither "how the knee in terrorism" nor be deflected from the quest for a lasting settlement. The peace process was "seriously injured but not terminally. injured".

But Mr Bruton concentrat-

A police drawing of the bombers' Ford low-loader

man IRA Provisional Army Top jockey badly injured in fall

BY SIMON WILDE

of Britain's leading jockeys and three times a Derby winner, was unconscious in the intensive care unit of a Hong Kong hospital yesterday after falling in a race there. Swinburn's father, Wally, creating alarming gaps in the flew to Hong Kong last night to be at his son's bedside. The jockey's condition was described by a spokesman at the Prince of Wales Hospital as poor and doctors are unable

Swinburn: unconscious in Hong Kong hospital

WALTER SWINBURN, one to say when he might regain consciousness. Swinburn, 34, was thrown from Liffey River shortly after the start of the Albert Plate at the Sha Tin track. The horse jinked after the stalls opened, then did a complete circle before heading across the track and smashing through the rail. The rider was hurled to the ground, breaking ribs and a collarbone and sustain-

preceded the paramilitaries'

ceasefire. In the City of

London armed officers began

a series of rolling roadblocks

Security was heightened for

VIPs and Cabinet ministers

who might be possible targets

and security measures were

stepped up at stations, air-

was given in an intelligence

assessment to key ministers

which highlighted deteriorat-

ing relations between the pro-

bombing and pro-peace

elements in the IRA. The only

aspect of last week's attack

that caused the Security Ser-

vice any surprise was the

timing. It was judged that the

IRA hardliners would wait

until the end of the month to

see if the Government agreed

MI5 has been giving weekly

intelligence assessments since

the ceasefire began in August

to all-party talks.

Mi5's warning last month

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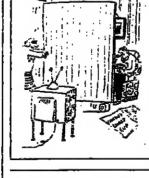
and manned control points.

later reported to have fluid on Swinburn has been one of Britain's leading Flat jockeys in the past 15 years and rode Shergar — later to disappear after being kidnapped — to victory in the 1981 Derby at the age of 19. His other Epsom triumphs were on Shahrastani in 1986 and Lammtarra in

ing a blow to the head. He was

in 1984. Brian Taylor was killed in a fall at Sha Tin and Philipe Paquet, a French jock-cy, sustained injuries that ended his career.

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Prison worker is held hostage

A prison auxiliary was being held bostage last night by two prisoners armed with a homemade knife in the top security Whitemoor prison (Richard Ford writes). Negotiators and extra pris-

on officers were drafted into the jail in March, Cambridgeshire.The prison holds some of the most dangerous prisoners in the country. The prisoners involved in the incident which started at noon yesterday are not linked to the IRA. Whitemoor houses almost 120 category A inmates, including 36 who are classified



match between a computer and Garry Kasparov, the world champion, went to the machine. Against expecta-tions. IBM's rapier-quick Deep Blue computer won the first of six scheduled matches, to whoops of joy from computer programers.

Kasparov, who had been tipped to win, was reported to be in a gloom after resigning on the 37th move and he left the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, without a word. This was in contrast to the reaction from the IBM computer experts who, unschooled in the hushed customs of the chess hall, leapt from their seats, cheering, to hug one another when the

champion ceded defeat. The result was said to be the first time a computer has beaten man at chess under championship-style conditions (as opposed to speed games). During the game Kasparov appeared to lose his concentration. Often so calm and confident against human opponents, he frowned as the computer disrupted his pawns

and speedily deployed the Sicilian defence. Mankind's greatest chess player fiddled with his tie.

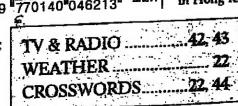
held his head and removed his jacket. His psychological state may not have been helped by the presence, across the board, of a satisfied IBM technician who moved the white pieces at the command of Deep Blue. The 32-node, 256-chip computer with a 128 gigabyte hard

disk, developed over six years, relayed its moves via the Internet from its "home" in Yorktown Heights, New York. It can consider 200 million moves a second. Before Saturday's match Kasparov has said defeat by Deep Blue "would threaten

the existence of human control in such areas as art, literature or music" and he intended to defend "human dignity". The second game began last night. Kasparov has until Saturday to save humanity.

OThe match is on the Internet: http://www.chess.ibm.park.org

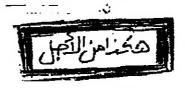
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Republican and loyalist movements ponder next move after IRA undermines peace process

Adams struggles to salvage party's political strategy

GERRY ADAMS is fighting to restore his credibility within the republican movement amid fears in London and Dublin that he has lost the confidence of the IRA. The Docklands bomb represents the failure of eight years' work by the Sinn Fein president to move the republican movement away from the gun and

down the political path.

British and Irish ministers are now asking whether Mr Adams, 47, still has the ear of the IRA. The two Governments negotiated with Sinn Fein after the ceasefire on the understanding that the party had the IRA's backing. That assumption is now in doubt.

The strength of Mr Adams's position within the republican movement will hinge on how he fares during the ferocious internal debates that will be unleashed by the end of the ceasefire. Hardline opponents of Mr Adams will say that his promises when the truce was announced in August 1994

have come to nothing.

They will recall how Mr Adams convinced the IRA to call a ceasefire because he said that a formidable alliance, embracing Washington, Dublin and the Social Democratic and Labour Party, would put pressure on Britain and the





Adams: battle to restore credibility

Unionists to enter serious negotiations. Opponents will say the alliance led to President Clinton's senior adviser on Northern Ireland heading an international body which insisted that the IRA would have to disarm during talks.

As for the Unionists coming

to the table, the hardliners will point out that the ceasefire led to the most serious attempt by Britain in a decade to hold elections in Northern Ireland so as to appease Unionists.

Mr Adams has been astute

enough during the past 18

against such criticisms. He will be able to reply that he never said the "unarmed strategy" would be easy. He will even be able to refer to an IRA briefing, drawn up before the ceaselire, which described the

new strategy as "risky". However, Mr Adams will be undermined by weaknesses which have dogged his leadernence after the last substantial ceasefire broke down in 1975. Despite his credentials as an IRA leader early in the Troubles, he has never won the wholehearted trust of the organisation. Many members believe that his instinct is to follow a political path, and he is regarded as an aloof man.

If he does hold on to the leadership of Sinn Fein, he is likely to try, over a long period, to nudge the move ment back along a political path. This is not to say that Mr Adams is opposed in principle to republican violence. He is simply a sophisticated enough politician to realise that if 25 years of IRA violence did not achieve the movement's goals, more bloodshed is unlikely to be different. But the price of maintaining republican unity will be a tacit endorsement of the end of the ceasefire.



Martin McGuinness, a Sinn Fein leader, centre, at a march in Co Mayo yesterday to commemorate the death in 1976 of the hanger striker Frank Stagg

Community leaders call for restraint

yesterday that they would try to ensure that Protestant paramilitaries maintained their ceasefire in spite of the IRA's decision to resume its terrorist campaign (Nicholas

would attack Dublin if they resumed violence, their lead-ers appealed for calm. Billy Hutchinson, of the Progressive Unionist Party, the polit-Volunteer Force, described viurged restraint within his community. He said: "It is in no one's interest to follow republicanism to the dark pre-

Observers in Northern Ireland expect the loyalists not to retaliate if the IRA restricts its campaign to the mainland. However, a prolonged IRA campaign would make it hard back the hardliners, who are to Northern Ireland, there would be a resumption of sectarian violence.

Mr Hutchinson wrote in the Dublin Sunday Tribune: "If indeed republicanism is intent on a prolonged campaign on the mainland in an attempt to force the British Government to coerce the Unionist people. ignoring the principle of con-

Northern Ireland and indeed the Republic of Ireland." Thirty-three people were killed in May 1974 in a series of bomb attacks in Dublin and Monaghan town. Gusty Spence who re-estab

lished the modern UVF in 1966, echoed Mr Hutchinson's appeal for calm. Mr Spence, who read the loyalist ceasefire statement in 1994, said: "The Unionists have suffered 25 years of bombing without giving in ... I am hopeful that the loyalist paramilitaries will

and he's a hard man." Belfast

is desperate that its period of

normality should not be a

sons are largely economic. The city has seen such a

blossoming of shops and res-

Police defend response to calls

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fended its efforts to clear people from the area of the bomb attack after criticism yesterday that its advice had been confusing and

contradictory.

The Metropolitan Police said that 80,000 people were in the area of Canary Wharf and South Quay in London's Docklands when the IRA issued a series of warnings that the ceasefire was to end with an attack

in the capital. ... It said that the calls were imprecise as to the location and timing of the attack. The police said that, faced with the risk of ordering an evacuation of tens of thousands of people on to the streets, officers ordered people to remain in buildings and cleared only Docklands Light Rail.

Although the Metropolitan Police received its first warning of the bomb at 17.43 one hour and 18 minutes before the explosion, some people were still wandering around the area a few minutes before the blast. The chronology

brigade passed to the Metropolitan Police. 17.45pm: call to Irish

News newspaper in Belfast warns of bomb at South Quay station. Warning passed to the Royal Ulster Constabulary in Belfast. ■ 17.45: Irish state broadcasting organisation, RTE, receives call warning that the ceasefire is over. About the same time Metropolitan Police contacts build-

ings in Docklands warning staff to remain inside. Police begin to cordon off the area. Explosives officers sent to the scene. ■ 17.55: evacuation of Docklands Light Rail

■ 18.01: RTE news makes no mention of end of ■ 18,30: call to RTE jour-

nalist saying the earlier end of ceasefire message" ■ 18.50: John Bruton cuts

short an engagement to return to government buildings in Dublin after being told ceasefire ending.

Confidence crumbles as shaken city goes back into the bunker

By Alan Hamilton

FOR the past year, you could almost have mistaken Belfast for Leicester or Hull, or any other normal British provincial city. But in the past 48 hours, the signs have re-turned, small but depressingly significant, that normality nav vet be a frail flower.

British troops, confined to barracks for almost a year, were back on the streets yesterday, although in such ning the hastily restored road block and checkpoint on the main road from Aldergrove airport to the city. But the soldiers had forsaken their berets for steel helmets, and their handguns for Heckler and Koch automatic rifles.

Security sources said, however, that many of the 16,500 troops remaining in the Province had been quietly moved from barracks and billeted in several of the city's still mas-

The RUC, which spent most earch of the city discov- of the 17-month ceasefire actling in cars marked "Police", has brought out its armoured Land Rovers. Officers have been issued with rifles and

those on patrol are wearing their 12lb flak jackets again. On Saturday, the RUC put a substantial presence on the city streets, but by yesterday that presence had become so discreet that anyone in the city centre wanting to ask the time

within Belfast; even the steel gates that used to shot off the Falls Road like a medieval city curiew at nightfall remain open and unmanned.

Further down the Falls, a modest planting of fresh Irish tricolours fluttered from lamp posts and hourdings. Locals said they had not been there on Friday, Outside the heavily protected. Sinn Fein headquarters, the large hoarding ered only one patrol, man- ing like a normal force, patrol- There are no road blocks. Now, looked distinctly faded

nearby Unity Flats, freshly painted graffito, signed by the previsional IRA, proclaimed: Either hallot or gun, Our Day Will Come."

"It's as well you didn't come here on Friday night," a woman in a local newsagents said. "There were a lot of men hanging about the Sinn Feinoffice in dark glasses you wouldn't want to stop and have a conversation with." Throughout the city, the expressions concerning Friday's

return to the dark ages of a simmering civil war. "It's the little things as much as anything that count about peace, like being able to go into a searched," is a frequently

The nationalists would have done their cause a lot more good if they'd given a decent warning that the ceasefire was over," a taxi driver in the Protestant Shankill area said. "Gerry

taurants that it draws shoppers and trippers from all over Ireland. Dubliners with money to spend flock north in antial numbers out of sheer curiosity. Sainsbury and Tesco both have plans to

Office workers will head for

premiums paid by corpora-

tions for terrorism cover.
Office workers at many companies on the Isle of Dogs have been told to turn up for work as usual this morning. as businesses affected by the bomb worked throughout the weekend to find new headquarters. The explosion has made more than one million square feet of office space

The London Docklands Development Corporation said that six buildings, equivalent to between 10 and 15 per cent of the total office space on the Isle of Dogs, were badly damaged. The South Quay Plaza complex was hardest hit, along with the Midland Bank building opposite. Thomas Howell Group, the

insurance companies, made the loss estimate after visiting the outer area of damage.
Tony Baker, deputy director of the Association of British Insurers, said the bill for damage could exceed £150 million if many tenants had 'business-interruption"

loss adjuster appointed by the

insurance. The magazine Property Week is now working from the first floor above the Dockmaster wine bar on West India Quay, west of the bomb

Three buildings which were most seriously damaged by the blast housed the offices of the Radio Communications Agency, a government agency, the Builder Group (publishers of Property Week), Franklin Mint, an American mail-order company, and a branch of the Midland Bank. Police Review is also produced in South Quay Plaza. Thames Water owns laboratories near the site

The 400 employees of the restored.

modation. The agency's office. which was seriously damaged in the blast, will take up to 12 months to repair. A few members of staff have been told to

stay at home today. The newly homeless businesses were ringing their em-ployees yesterday using a cascade system Each director is given five people to ring. who then in turn ring five people each until the entire workforce has been contacted. The process usually takes just a few hours. The Docklands Light Rail is

already running as far as Canary Wharf and buses will take travellers to all stations further south, including South

The duty manager of the Britannia International Hotel, on Marsh Wall, a few hundred yards from the bomb site, declined to say if any guests had checked out or cancelled their bookings for next-week. "We have lost a few windows, but fortunately no one was

bomb attack will stop foreign companies from moving to London. "What happened on Friday is not a UK or a London problem, he said. Terrorism has happened in New York, Paris, Tokyo and Frankfurt ... Businesses can move around, but trouble is

sure to follow them." He noted that most of the businesses damaged by the Bishopsgate bomb, which was also set off on a Friday, were back on the job by the Mon-



ed his energies on an attempt to pressurise Sinn Fein into persuading the IRA to re-store its ceasefire. His hopes rose when Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Pein, said the IRA was open to persuasion". Ruling out ministerial con-tact with Sinn Pein until the

IRA renounces violence, Mr Bruton declared: "We are not going to get ourselves in a position wherein we negotiposition wherein we negoti-ate under duress, where we're having a meeting with somebody and a bomb goes off in the middle of the meeting... Democrats can't work like that." Mr Adams said: "What is

the point of going to the IRA unless I am able to go with a persuasive argument? The IRA is open to persuasion. We wouldn't have had a cessation if they hadn't been open to persuasion.

His comments contrasted markedly with a hard line speech by Martin McGuinness, Sum Fein's chief

injured. Our only problem at the moment is getting people in and out of the police cordon."

Bernard Harty, chief executive of the Corporation of London, does not think the manil we are blue in the face."

■ 18.58: RTE broadcasts "ceasefire over". 19.01: bomb explodes. miles per year

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'We have lost a brother, a son and a family friend. We hope that these losses are not in vain'

Newsagent's family voices support for the peace process

killed in the IRA bombing spoke out yesterday to con-demn violence and defend the peace process. Inan Ul-Haq Bashir, 29, whose body was recovered from the wreckage in Docklands, east London, 22 hours after the explosion, took the full force of the blast in his

newspaper shop.

Mr Bashir's family said in a statement issued via police last night: "We have lost a brother, a son and a family friend. We hope that these losses are not

The family, who live in Streatham, southwest London, asked Inspector Paul Riordan to read the statement on their behalf. He said: They would like to condemn the bombing. They wish to voice their support for the elected Government of this country and they hope the John Jefferies, 31, Mr

Bashir's assistant, also died in the bombing. Mr Jefferies, from Bromley. Kent, had dreamt of becoming a musi-cian. His father, John, 68, a retired carpenter, spoke of his anger at the murder of his son: "He is my only child and since his coum died, he's all I've got. If I could take a gun to Gerry Adams and his mob, I ould blow them away.

Mr Jefferies had tried in vain to find his son after the blast on Friday evening. 1 went to Canary Wharf to see if he was on the list of casualties

More than 100 people were injured in the explosion at 7.01pm, just as office workers were leaving for the weekend, hospital last night, including a 55-year-old Moroccan man vho is critically ill

Zaoui Berrezag, who was employed to clean at the Midland Bank, suffered sanous head injuries and is under sedation at the Royal London London. Mr Berrezag was in his car near the centre of the blast at South Quay, His son,



Killed: Inan Ul-Haq Bashir and John Jefferies



Farid, 17, who was injured by flying glass, was recovering in another ward at the same hospital. Mr Berrezag's wife Jamma spent yesterday at the

The Royal London Hospital said: Mr Berrezag is in intensive care and very criti-cal. He's stable but his injuries, mainly to his head and face, are extensive and substantial. The family are very distressed. They have been with him continuously."

A 23-year-old woman, who was hit in the face by flying glass, was recovering well after surgery to her right eye at St Bartholomew's Hospital. ast London, on Saturday Barbera Osei, a cleaner, will



Tony Sharp, who was evacuated from his office but was told to return half an hour before the blast

eight months' pregnant, was sent home from hospital after ultrasound scans showed that her baby had been unharmed

Tony Sharp. 34, an office worker, was recovering in hospital yesterday from inju-ries caused when his comput-

er exploded in his face. Mr Sharp had been evacuated from his office almost next door to the site of the blast, but was told to return half an hour before the bomb went off. "The office security man told us to go back in; we thought it was a false alarm," he said.

Mr Sharp, from Black-heath southeast London, was standing next to his colleague Neville Walker, 31, when the bomb exploded. We fell down, then got up and rushed out the fire exit. I could feel my face covered in blood and didn't know what state I was in. It was pandemonium," he

Despite his injuries, which include a broken nose, glass in his eye and scarring down the left side of his body, Mr Sharp said: "I feel I am one of the lucky ones. I want to say to the families of people lost that I hope everything will turn out OK in the end." Most of the injuries were

caused by flying glass. Dr Austen Smith, senior surgical egistrar at the Royal London Hospital, said: "We regularly deal with glass injuries caused by traffic accidents and fights but in this case it was the high velocity of missiles from the blast which has created disfiguring scars on their faces. Patients have suffered facial fractures and chest injuries,

Father Peter Allen, preaching in the parish church of John Jefferies, who died in Friday's bombing, also urged forgiveness of his killers. It was a theme echoed in hundreds of pulpits across the country. The Bishop of London, the Right Rev. Richard Charines, said prayers for the diad and the said that the said the dead and the injured at a private service in the Royal London Hospital's chapel

The bishop challenged Sinn Fein to condemn the bombing. He said the blast had united Londoners and peacemakers

Hundreds picked their way through debris left by the bombing to attend two special services — one Anglican, the other Roman Catholic — at St Luke's Church on the Barkantine Estate on the Isle of Dogs, where they heard sermons on healing the wounds left by the amounty. The Rev Christopher Owens set up a telephone helpline and threw open the doors of the church to those distressed by the explosion.

Colin Parry, whose 12 year-old son Tim was killed by an IRA homb in March 1993, led a vigil of about 100 people in Warrington town centre. He said: "The news is black and things look bleak but as long as the process carries on there

I'm no hero, says officer who spotted bomb lorry

THE police constable who identified the vehicle carrying the IRA bomb as suspect and helped to evacuate hundreds of people, spoke yesterday of the moment when he thought he was going to die. PC Roger de Graaf, 30, who

is based at Limehouse police station in east London, was checking that everybody had left the area around South Quay railway station when the bomb exploded.

The force of the blast knocked him off his feet and he curled up in a foetal position. In the immediate aftermath, PC de Graaf, from Woodford, Essex, looked up to see a car careering towards him. It came to a halt with the bumper touching his back.

The policeman needed five internal stitches and a dozen external stitches to his left eye and he suffered extensive bruising. He insists that he is no hero: "I have done nothing heroic, nothing special, I'm just the one who made the checks on the vehicle and who

has a very scratched face." After PC de Graaf spotted the vehicle he continued clearing people from the area and had almost finished when he heard a "rumble and what felt



De Graaf: knocked off his feet by the blast

like a 200mph wind rushing past his ears.

"I was knocked off my feet and I curled up like a ball," he said. "I thought, I'm going to die now, my time is up. I looked around, there was a car coming at me, an automatic stuck in gear. The driver was in shock I thought, Tve survived the bomb, I'm going to get run over now. I managed to roll over and the car

PC de Graaf, the driver and other colleagues sheltered from the shower of glass. masonry and twisted metal in a concrete doorway. After-wards he helped to ferry injured colleagues and civil-ians to the hospital before seeking treatment for himself.

He found time to borrow a mobile telephone and call his pregnant wife at his father's

home in Woodford to reassure her that he was safe. The couple have a five-month-old Earlier, PC de Graaf, who has been in the Metropolitan force for seven years, had learnt that he had passed his examination to become a ser-

eant. Then he and a col-

league were diverted to the

terminal to investigate a bomb alert in the area. "We checked around the locality as best we could. Most of the cars at this point had gone," he said. "We became aware of this vehicle, we were actually all sort of standing next to it, we said 'Maybe this

one shouldn't be here. "We did some checks on it, the results of those checks aroused our suspicions a bit 1110re. At that point we decided if it was going to be anything,



Prepared for the worst and hoping for the best

THE new head of Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Branch had a baptism of fire on Friday. Commander John Grieve, who was due to take up his post today, had barely finished his last brickings with the Security Service when the bombers struck. Within hours he was at South Quay on the Isle of Dogs.

Mr Grieve, 49, who was born in the North East, has been a policeman for 30 years, with experience in the Flying Squad, drug squads and east LonANTI-TERRORIST CHIEF

Yard's director of intelligence, reorganising information retrieval and developing a new computer system. He now has at his command 97 officers and civilian experts as well as

former members of the Auti-Terrorist Branch who can be called from other police work. The branch is recognised worldwide for its expertise in post the New York police after the World

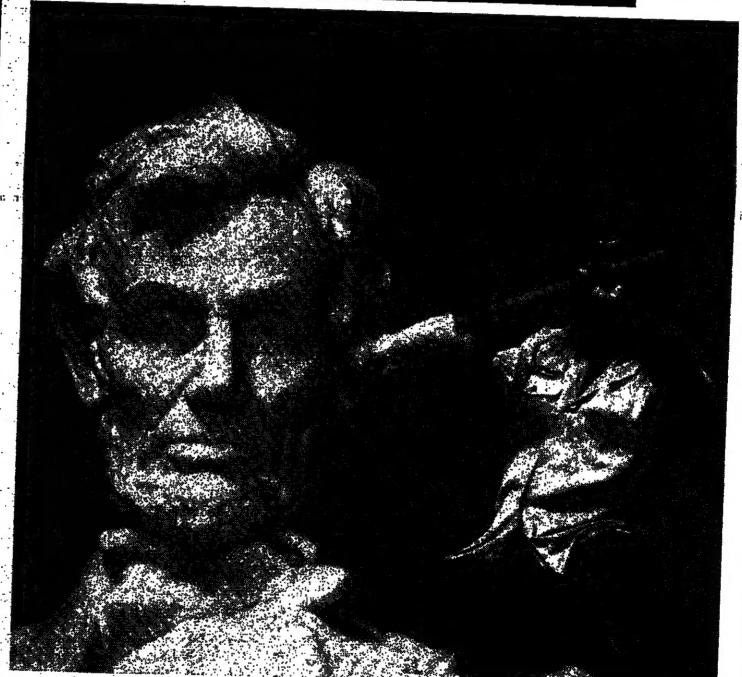
Trade Centre attacks. The remit of the unit is to investigate attacks and not to prepare intelligence material. That ork is led by MI5 and Special Branch officers on both sides of the Irish Sea.

The branch was recently slimmed down through restructuring and retirements but no long-term decisions have been taken about its future. Sir Paul Condon, the Commissioner of

senior officers decided to wait and sec now well the ceasefire held.

Unusually, for a detective outside fiction, Mr Grieve has distinctive tastes. He knows a lot about Chinese philosophy, is a good hand at minis ture water-colours, and is fond — like Inspector Morse — of poetry and quotation. When his new job was announced he quoted from a speech by Seamus Heaney, the Irish Nobel Prize winner: "By its very nature the atrocious is always with us. We should always be prepared for worst and hope for the best."

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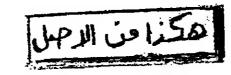
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Doctors describe 'tip-toe' phenomenon in people hit by a million volts during storm

Record lightning strike left strange marks on skin

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT:

VICTIMS of the world's biggest multiple lightning strike were left with odd skin markings and have shown strange psychological effects since they were injured five months ago.

Seventeen people were hit during a pre-season football tournament at Aylesford, Kent. Fourteen of the group were traced by St Andrew's Hospital in Billericay, Essen, the biggest burns unit in Britain. Details of their widely differing injuries were presented to an international meeting in Hong Kong on Saturday

Jim Frame, consultant plastic surgeon at St Andrew's, said: "It was just like Star Wars — whoof — and their football kit evaporated. There was nothing left."

Mr Frame said some of those hit walked away while others suffered heart attacks; and had to be resuscitated on the pitch. Many had burns and some had damage to their eyes and difficulty walking. Some later suffered panic attacks, mood swings and depression and one became psychotic. "It is like receiving a huge dose of ECT (electroconvulsive therapy) when a major shock goes through the brain."

Among the curious symptoms the medical team had found were miniature haemorthages on the ends of the



Lightning is one of nature's thost spectacular and deadly forces. One of the key components are rain drops which, once they are about the size of a finy pea, split. Each half becomes charged. These drops can be repeatedly wafted upwards into the clouds and, as they fall, redivide, acquiring more charge. Eventually, the natural insulating properties of the air are overwhelmed and a lightning flash is triggered. It can strike with such force that rock is melted. Sheet lightning occurs when the spark flashes between clouds. Summer, or heat, lightning is when a bolt a long way off is reflected by the clouds.

toes of those caught in the strike, which they named the tip-toe sign. "It is the first time that has been described." Mr

Chris and Jackie Hunt and their two sons had their clothes burnt off their backs and suffered a temporary personality change as one million woits of electricity passed through their bodies.

passed through their bodies.

Speaking for the first time since the incident, Mr Hunt, who coaches a local beys football team, said, There

Hunt, 36, and their son Thomas, 9, went stiff and fell to the ground and eight-year-old son Matthew had a heart attack. He had 17 per cent burns to his back where his football kit had melted.

All the family had small

burn holes in the soles of their feet. Mr Hunt's hands, where he had been holding the umbrella, were unhurt. Mrs Hunt was paralysed from the waist down for two hours after the strike and had curious symmetrical marks on the skin beneath each breast, possibly because she was wearing an underwired bra.

Sill Webb, a junior doctor at St Andrew's who studied the effects of the strike on the family, said lightning tended to travel across the surface of the body, rather than through it. "That is why people don't get killed, Only if it breaches the skin can it cause internal damage, burning muscle and internal organs."

About five people a year are struck by lightning in Britain. Dr Webb said the best advice in a thunderstorm was to move away from a high point and lie down. "You don't want to be the tallest object in the area," she said.

The safest place to be is inside a car, sitting away from the sides so the charge travels over the surface and through the tyres to the ground. Tyres are good conductors, especially on wet roads.



Chris and Jackie Hunt with their sons Thomas and Matthew, holding the remains of the kit he was wearing when the family sheltered under an umbrella

Lottery medical cash may be capped

By Alexandra Frean

THE organisation that hands out National Lottery cash to good causes is considering imposing a £500,000 cap on the amount it gives to medical charities.

The Campaign for Cancer Research said yesterday that the proposal by the National Lottery Charities Board could jeopardise many life-saving medical research projects desperate for cash.

Jackie McDougall, director of appeals for the campaign, said it was galling for the medical community to see multimillion-pound grants going to arts, heritage and sports projects, knowing that they could only hope to receive a fraction of that amount.

Paul Hensby, director of communications for the board, said that no firm decision had been taken.

decision had been taken.

"The reasoning behind this sort of policy, were it to be passed, would be that there is only a finite amount of money available. The next round of grants encompasses health care and disability as well as medical research. To have large amounts going to medical research would mean that there is less money for the others," he said.

☐ Six tickets won more than £1.5 million from the lottery jackpot on Saturday. The second prize was shared by 30 tickets, each claiming £95,326, and 1,745 tickets won £1,024.

Winning numbers, page 22

Army agrees to run 'boot camp' for young offenders

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

TEENAGE offenders in Britain's first two boot camps will wear uniforms under proposals for Army-style discipline and training. One is to be set up within the grounds of the Army "glasshouse" at Colchester and up to 30 young men will be under the control of military staff from hine.

of military staff from June.

Michael Howard, the Home
Secretary, has overcome reservations within the Ministry of
Defence about his plan to put
young offenders in the Military Corrective Training
Centre in Colchester, Essex,
and will announce the details
shortly. However, plans for
the Army to be allowed to
recruit announce the camphave been abandoned.

Mr Howard has won the support of Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, for the creation of the camp. It is understood that part of the training course, will be de-

clared a young offender institution, to be operated under

civilian law.

The camp at Colchester, and another unit; for 60 men, at

Thorn Cross, near Warrington in Cheshire, will open this year as part of Mr Howard's drive to provide a tougher regime than at existing young offender institutions. Offenders, sent to the units will be required to wear uniforms but will be allowed to put on private clothing as a privilege to be earned by good behaviour. A Whitehall source said: Uniforms are part and parcel of the package. It will be a strict regime, run by the

The camp at Colchester will be in a wing separate from the rest of the centre and offenders will be held under civilizin law rather than Queen's Regulations. Thirty young men, aged 17 to 21, will be subject to a strict military-style regime, including marching to step when they move around the camp, addressing instructors as "sir" and undertaking physical training.

was a sudden downnour. The

referee told us to run for

shelter so we made for the

edge of the pitch near a tree

holding a large fishing unbrella and the lightning struck the top of it. It travelled

through me to the ground and

because there was a lot of

water on the ground everyone.

Mr. Hunt, 35, a papermili

engineer, said he felt locked to the ground and then felt himself falling. He was uncon-

where our kit was. I was

Under plans being drawn up in Whitehall, the day at Colchester will begin at fam, with an 8.15am parade followed by training in subjects such as carpentry. There will be later parades, with lights out at 10pm.

The regime at the camp in Thorn Cross will be more related, and will emphasize training, education, addressing offending behaviour and improving social skills rather than US-style physical exercises and barrack-room type instructions. Ministers want to be able to compare the differing regimes, to see what works bests for improving the behaviour of young men and whether the tougher approach can turn them from criminal behaviour.

Computer shows Bard had help with play

BY NICK NUTTALL

A JACOBEAN play attributed to Shakespeare was also the work of another play-wright, British scientists said yesterday. The researchers used a computer to scan Two Noble Kinsmen, looking for subtle differences in the text.

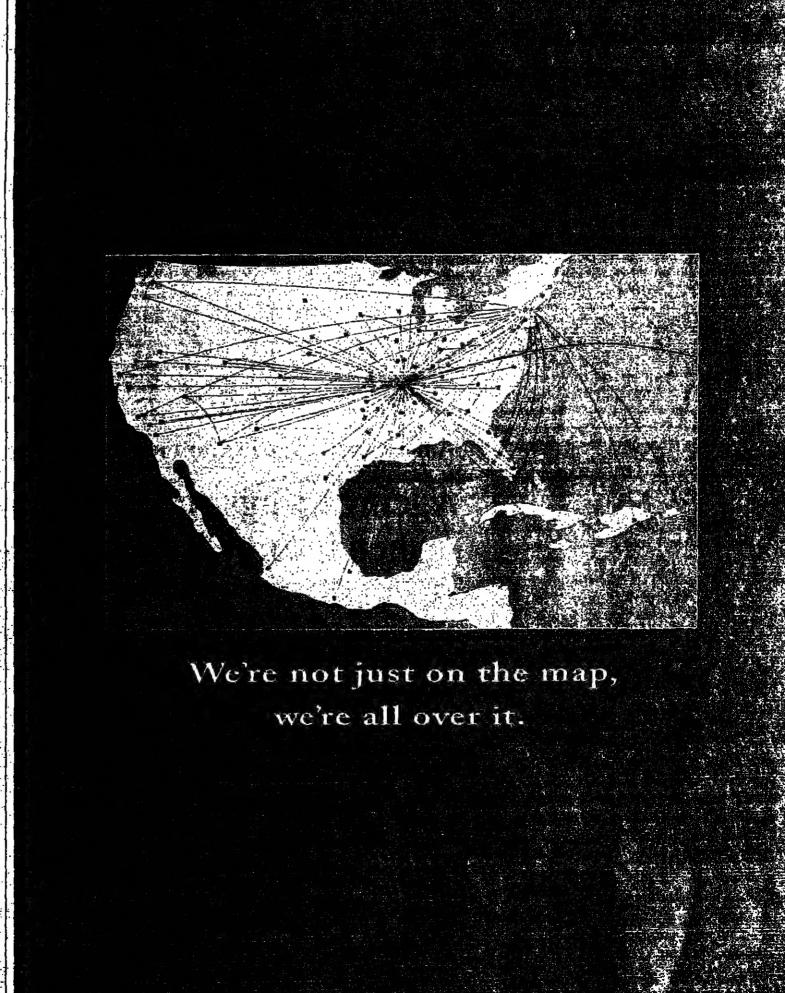
subtle differences in the text.

They have confirmed academics' suspicions that the work, first performed in about 1613 and staged by the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon Avon in 1986, was a collaboration between Shakespeare and John Fletcher, who took over as chief dramatist for Shakespeare's King's Men company. The authorship of Two Noble Kinsmen has long been disputed.

The researchers, Dr Robert Matthews and Professor David Lowe of Aston University, programmed the computer to recognise key words from undisputed works by Fletcher and undisputed works by Shakespeare, It took weeks to "train" the computer to Took for the frequency and ratio with which five words — of, the, are, no, and in — appeared in around 50,000 words of the

play.

The computer judged that the first and last acts were the work of Shakespeare while the second act appears to be Fletcher's. The other two acts were jointly penned, the scientists claim. The findings published in Computers and the Humanities, have been backed by Dr Tom Merriam, an independent Shakespeare exhibits.



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HOME NEWS

Maths master unearths the puzzles that baffled Alice



Carroll: mixed disciplines

A SERIES of baffling puzzles and brain-teasers invented by Lewis Carroll to amuse Victorian children and Oxford mathematics dons has been unearthed and collected for publication by a school inspec-tor. Edward Wakeling, who is also a Carroll scholar, says that Carroll intended to publish a book of puzzles but the demands of more serious writing prevented him from doing so.

The puzzles, which range from children's riddles to more abstruse logic problems, have been garnered from unpublished letters, Victorian magazines and the family archive of Bartholomew

The conundrums were used by Carroll, himself a Christ Church mathematics don, to test the wits of colleagues, undergraduates and friends such as Alice Liddell, at whose request he wrote Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Carroll, whose real name was Charles Dodgson, used this prob-

lem to test the logic of fresh-faced students: If a cat kills a rat in a minute, how long would it be killing 60.000 rats?
Students who calculated the answer by complex multiplication sums would discover, to their dismay, that in Lewis Carroll's

opinion "the rats would more than likely kill the cat".

said: "The puzzles contain the humour and whimsy so typical of Dodgson. He wanted children and students to catch on and laugh with him."

This thought is echoed by Mr-Wakeling, a professional judge of mathematics teachers, who believes that Carroll, by trying to

make mathematics fun and enjoy-able, was way ahead of his time. To entertain children, Carroll invented a game called Doublets, first published in Vanity Fair magazine in 1879 and later in a booklet. The object was to link two words through a chain of other words, changing one letter each step of the way. The person who uses the smallest number of links

author of a biography of Carroll, is the winner. The problem is said: "The puzzles contain the posed in the form of a sentence such as "Make flour into bread". The solution, in five steps, runs: Flour-floor-flood-blood-broodbroad-bread. Other doublets set by Carroll are "Prove pity to be good". "Evolve man from ape"

and "Turn witch into fairy". Even dinner guests would not escape Carroll's passion for puzzies. Viscount Simon, an undergraduate at Wadham College. Oxford, and a fellow of All Souls. later recalled a problem about two tumblers. Take two tumblers, one of which contains 50 spoonfuls of pure brandy and the other 50 spoonfuls of pure water. Take from the first of these one spoonful of brandy and transfer

tumbler and stir it up. Then take a spoonful of the mixture and transfer it back without spilling to the first tumbler."

Carroll's question was: "If you consider the whole transaction, has more brandy been transferred from the first tumbler to the second, or more water from the second to the first?" (Answer at end of article.)

Mavis Batey, who has written two books on Lewis Carroll, said: The Alice books did not just come to Dodgson/Carroll out of. the blue. Wit and invention ran through everything that Carroll did, including mathematics. These days I think he would have

it without spilling into the second solution to the National Lottery."

When Carroll died in 1898 "Bat" Price with whom Carroll had shared many of his puzzles, wrote of his pupil and friend: "I was pleased to read yesterday in The Times newspaper the kindly obit-uary notice; perfectly just and true; appreciative, as it should be, as to the unusual combination of deep mathematical ability and taste with the genius that led to the writing of Alice's Adventures."

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□ Rediscovered Lewis Carroll Puzzles, edited by Edward Wakeling, will be published in April by Constable and Constable. The tumbiers? The amount of brandy or water transferred is the same in

Academics say undergraduates are under-read

Classic novels are a closed book to A-level students

EDUCATION EDITOR

LEADING academics said yesterday that English A-level syllabuses which allowed schools to avoid virtually all pre-20th century literature in the reading of students

arriving at university. Professor Martin Dods-worth, who is chairing the official assessment of university research in English, called or an A-level review to revive the study of works from the 17th and 18th centuries in particular. Apart from the obligatory Shakespeare play. many students have read nothing written earlier than

THE Archbishop of York

called yesterday for a return to

the basics of education. The

results of recent national tests

were "pretty depressing", said Dr David Hope. Children

were being cheated of the

English dons supported Prossor Dodsworth, some arguing that the malaise has spread to university courses. Dr Roger Knight, the chairman of the English Association, said modular courses left undergraduates scratching the surface of classic

The debate over whether to include a canon of literature for the national curriculum split academics and teachers. schools to draw from lists of authors to include poetry. prose and drama from previous centuries. At A level, however, the selection of texts

Archbishop says schools

are cheating children

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

tion boards. Virtually all syllabuses include pre-20th century writers, including Shake-speare, but increasing flexibility in the examination gives schools the option of concentrating on modern works.

Professor Dodsworth, a former chairman of the English Association who lectures at Royal Holloway College, University of London, said: "We find that quite promising earlier than Thomas Hardy. and that is not good enough to provide a background in the language. I am not saving that 20th century texts are worthgetting no sense of the historical range of writing."

Laurence Sterne's Tristram

Shandy or Henry Fielding's Joseph Andrews were among the 18th century classic novels Professor Dodsworth feared were no longer being read. "Even Jane Austen, for all her exposure on television, does not feature as frequently as before." Dr Knight said the English Association was inthe effect of modular degrees, as well as A levels, and was likely to devote a conference to the issue next year. Graduates he had interviewed for teacher-training places at Leicester University had studied few

Dr Knight said: "It is ironic that there has been an attempt to reassert the place of classic works through the national curriculum, but there are these gaps among the older, specialist clientele. I think there is general agreement among academics that there is a serious problem."

However, Anne Barnes, the Chief Executive of the National Association for the Teaching of English, said she believed schools and examination boards were providing balanced courses at A level. The 18th century novels may and time that is easier to find at university, but the trend is no longer just towards modern literature."

Ms Barnes said: "A-level courses vary enormously, and some allow schools and colleges to go for the most popular texts, which tend to be modern. But the Brontes, for example, are read all the way through school, and most students are getting a bal-anced perspective of literature, starting with Chaucer.



Marine experts celebrate the birth of an inch-long miracle

brating the world's first suc-space of a few weeks last year — female has laid its eggs in its in captivity. After months of anxious waiting, aquarists in Weymouth, Dorset, discovered hundreds of miniature scahorses being born in their specially designed breeding

The births are the latest development in a chain of events which have led to the return of the tiny creatures to

men, and positron emission

tomography (PET) to study

their glucose metabolism. This showed that even when

men relax, they do so in a different way from women. When Dr Gur's volunteers

were asked to lie down and

relax in the PET scanner for

half an hour, men had much

higher activity in the part of

the brain controlling move-

ment and aggression, whereas

women's brains were more

active in the part governing.

emotional responses such as

body language, facial expres-

Sea Life Centre in Weymouth. Dorset, and the Seahorse Aquarium in Exeter. Devon, and the young sters were born at both sites within hours of each other.

A previous attempt was made in Holland, but the young all died within minutes of being born, and this is the first captive breeding programme involving the hippocampus ramaiosas. family to succeed. It is the male seahorse which acqually

functions they do well, while women start thinking about other things, and not just the

things they do well.

Mentally ill people are

three to four times more likely to commit violent crimes.

studies in New York and in

Israel have shown. A similar

study in Finland shows that

schizophrenics are five times

more likely to commit murder,

or 15 times more likely if they

Sheilagh Hodgins of the Univ-

ersity of Montreal said that

treatment programmes based

on the courts were more likely

pouch, where they slowly develop before emerging as tiny replicas of their parents

Biologist Robin James of the Weymouth centre said: "Until about three years ago no scaborses had been recorded in British waters for decades. The plan now is to return half of the captive stock to the wild to boost the fledgling colony while the rest remain at the park to deus for the future.



spiritual dimension.

education they deserved and of "any kind of worthwhile nt in ine ruture In his first important policy statement since he succeeded Dr John Habgood at York last year. Dr Hope said education should have a clear moral and

Preaching at York Minster at a service to mark Education Sunday, Dr Hope said: "It was only at the beginning of this last week that the Chief Inspector of Schools drew attention to the fact that standards of pupil achievement are not what they should be.

either in primary or in our secondary schools."

Dr Hope, who is visiting a school each week in his new diocese, and who visited 70 schools in his first two years as Bishop of London, is likely to speak soon on the subject in the House of Lords. He has n alarmed by the number of industrialists and businessmen who have told him that many school-leavers applying for jobs were unemployable.

Blame for poor standards was being apportioned variously to teachers, parents, governors, the Government and the Church. "The political parties vie with each other to the extent that education has become altogether too much a political football," he said.

He warned of the spectre of thousands of children emerg-

ing as unemployable, simpl because they had been denied basic educational skills. All parties should abandon their war of words and "engage in a partnership of interest, irrespective of party or any other

Dr Hope praised schools between parents, pupils and teachers, although unwritten agreements had always existed in schools. The Archbishop is also concerned at the large numbers of dergy who are relinquishing their traditional roles as chairmen of church school governors. ☐ The February session of the

General Synod, which opens at Church House, Westminster, today, will debate plans for a more efficient management structure for the Church.

British waters after an absence of nearly a century. The proud parents are among seven seahorses caught in the

Ageing brings equality of the sexes when it comes to the brain drain

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AUTHOUGH men's brains measure of how hard it is brains of 24 women and 37 working - declines more are larger than women's, they slowly, in an apparent attempt to make up for declining brain. shrink almost three times as rapidly as they get older. By the age of 40, the part of a volume. But women make no man's brain responsible for such compensatory efforts, abstract reasoning and imwhich could have implications pulse control has shrunk to for longevity. Dr Gur said. the same size as the brain of a "Women seem to be able to woman of the same age. reduce the rate of neuronal

skin cancer patients

The decline begins depress ingly early. Dr Ruben Gur of the University of Pennsylva-nia told the meeting on Saturday. Even between the ages of 18 and 45, the more rapid loss of tissue from the male frontal lobe is apparent. Men and women also respond differently to the

changes. In men, the use of

glucose in the brain - a

with advanced skin cancer has

inspired an attempt to treat

the disease with a vaccine. Dr

Alexander Knuth, Professor of

Medicine at the University of

Mainz, told the meeting that

both had advanced melano-

ma, which would have been

expected to kill them within

They were treated with a

crude vaccine made from cells

of their own tumours and

today. 19 years later in the case

of one and 13 years later for the

other, both are well. In

melanoma, the immune sys-

tem recognises the tumour

cells as foreign, and tries to

about a year.

activity in proportion to the tissue that they lose, whereas men continue to overdrive their neurons," he said.

Woman live at least a decade longer than men, and part of the reason could be the reduced brain metabolism. If you overdrive cells you get cytotoxic [cell-killing] effects." Dr Gur used magnetic reso-Crude vaccine saves

experiments were designed to

boost the process in patients

already showing an immune

response. Initial results from trials of a more sophisticated

vaccine are encouraging, with

cancers regressing in three

Diabetes could soon be

controlled by six-monthly

injections of cells from pigs, wrapped up inside tiny plastic

capsules so that they do not

provoke an immune response.

Experiments with animals

have shown an almost perfect

control of the disease. The

technique may prove useful in

sions and speech. Dr Gur's interpretation is that when THE survival of two patients destroy them. The original

purely psychiatric-based. relaxing, men activate those parts of the brain that serve Microwave ovens put signals in outer space

A SEARCH by radio telescope of three recently discovered planets has revealed no evidence of intelligent life. Dr Dan Werthimer, an

astronomer from the University of California at Berkeley, said that none of the planets. which are in orbit around distant stars, was emitting any unusual signals. "But absence of evidence is not evidence of absence of extraterrestrial civilisations," he

told the meeting. Dr Jill Tarter of the SETI Institute in Mountain View. California, said that a search of 200 stars in the southern sky had detected many "intelligent" signals, but they all proved to be man-made, mainly from microwave ovens and automatic garage

After more than 20 years, the search for extraterrestrial intelligence has gone private, as Nasa, the US space agency. is no longer prepared to support it. However, private donors are providing enough to extend the search. "So far we've examined only a few hundred stars," Kent Cullers of the SETI institute said. "By the end of the next decade we'll have examined a million. There's a high prob-ability we will succeed."

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Rare beauty rescued from the brink of extinction is prize exhibit at Royal Botanic Gardens show

Seeds grown in Kew labs may save 180 species of orchid

BRITISH botanists are spearheading a campaign to save of the world's most endangered and exotic flowers from extinction. Their efforts will be featured at the annual orchid festival at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, west London, which opens on Wednesday

Kew has perfected labora-tory techniques for growing orchids from seed without the plants require in nature. At present there are 180 species in culture at the micro-propaga-tion unit, many of them known to be rare in the wild.

One of the most prized exhibits at the festival, which runs until March 31, will be the beautiful Epidendrum ilense, whose bamboo-like stems carry pendulous groups of frilly white flowers. Only six plants have been found in the

in Ecuador. The offspring of one of these was sent to Kew The species is now well estab-lished in cultivation and Kew has distributed hundreds of societies and other botanic gardens. Reintroduction to the

wild may now be possible. Kew for more than 200 years and the collection of about 5,000 species (about 20 per cent of the total number of known orchids) is used for display, research and conser-vation work. Sandra Bell, manager of the

orchid unit, said: "Destruction of habitat is not the only threat. Orchids have a cachet which other plants do not have.

native to Europe (including Britain). North Africa and the Middle East. They are so named because they mimic

Ms Bell said: "We hope to win many more enthusiasts to orchid growing, which is not think. Anyone can grow them provided they are chosen to suit available conditions."

to induce male bees to polli-nate them. They will be on

The flowers can be grown at ome on windowsills. The cymbidiums, especially the miniatures; phalaenopsis or moth orchids; odontoglos-



with one of the examples he will be displaying at the festival. Plants will be on sale for as little as £10

sums; the near-hardy pleiones: miltonias or pansy or-chids: and dendrobiums. need deep pockets. Many of plants on sale at the festival will cost no more than

£10 to £15. Seedlings grown in glass flasks will be on sale for

The principal displays will

zones, and in the recently refurbished Water Lily House, where the National Association of Flower Arrangement

also displays from several specialist nurseries. Ann and Richard Trussell of Whitmoor House, Devon. will be there

will be there from March 15. Bill Gaskell, of Woodstock Orchids, also from Buckinghamshire, is supplying some

Boy's week-long 'trip' blamed on spiked drinks

A SCHOOLBOY was suffering from complete memory loss last night, a week after his drink was apparently spiked with drugs at a party in a hotel to celebrate the end of exams. James Fountain, 16, who friends say was vehemently

against drug abuse, is being monitored at St Luke's Hospital, Middlesbrough. Police say James, of Hartle-

tripping" from the effects of the drugs. Tests are under way to establish exactly what was put in his soft drink, but it is

incensed by what has hap-pened. He had been looking forward to the evening after having successfully completed



Fountain: spoke out against drug users

condition. He does not know who or where he is." The couple also have a 13-year-old daughter.

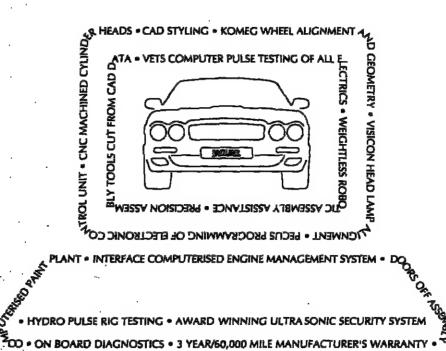
High School for boys, where fees are £3,500 a year, was one Hardwick Hall, Sedge Co Durham. Friends became alarmed when he became agitated. At first it was thought he was drunk and they took him home. By next morning his condition had not

Detective Chief Inspector Barry Peart said: "Since last Saturday James has basically been on a trip. He is a highly intelligent boy but he may never be the same again. He said James, who repre-

sents his school at rugby and cricket, "abhors drugs and has the confidence to confront people who take them, and he-did so last Saturday. It is highly probable that because of this his drink was spiked.

One of the party organisers, a: 15-year-old pupil from another school, has been interviewed by police and released without charge. On Friday night police raided a party organised by the same boy and recovered cannabis. Ecstacy, CS gas, a knuckle duster, an imitation lirearm and steroids and needles. Six

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Human itch takes toll of urban fox



NATURE may soon exercise a terrible revenge on the fox that took the opportunity of killing the Queen's flamingos when the lake at Buckingham Palace was frozen. As the miscreant is an urban fox it is likely to become infected with mange, which is reaching epidemic levels in some parts of the country and which is usually fatal in foxes.

Mange is the same disease as scabies, which is comparatively common in humans. Cases are treated every day in genito-urinary (VD) clinics. People would catch mange

just as readily as dogs or foxes were it not for our habit of washing, changing our clothes and being rather choosy about those whom we allow to share our beds. Close bodily contact is responsible I for the spread of the mite in

foxes and in people.

In human beings the mite Saccoptes scabei is so freopently transmitted during sexual intercourse that the resulting skin condition is regarded as a sexually transmitted disease, but it can be spread by any intimate contact and babies who share

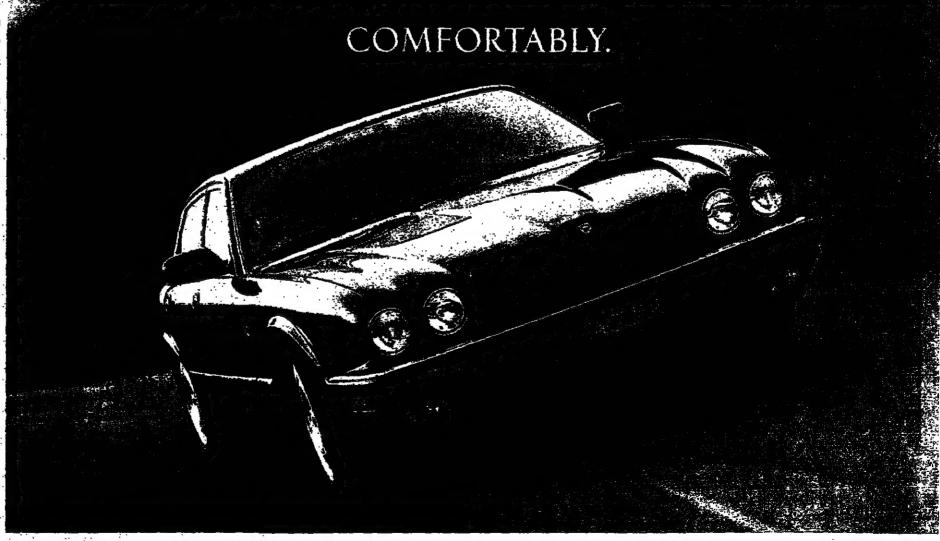
from it frequently become infected as well.

The mature scabies mite

burrows into the skin at the rate of 2mm a day, laying as it travels two to three eggs daily. Although the original infecting mite dies after about three weeks, the eggs it has laid hatch, migrate to the skin and continue the cycle. The mite can infect any part of the body. Only rarely does it attack the face although it readily penetrates the soft skin of the genitalia, the webs between the fingers, the wrists and the inside of the elbows. There is frequently an associ-ated eceramatous type of rash, which can become jafected.

After treating any second-ary infection with antibiotics, lotions containing scabicides. such as benzyl benzoate or Crotamiton, will kill the mite but even then it continues to cause itching, which disappears only after about three weeks, when the mite has

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Labour rallied for war on elitism

Blair swoops on disgraced peer to mock Tory elite

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

TONY BLAIR launched a scathing attack on the Conservatives yesterday as the party of privilege and ridiculed their devotion to "a small Tory

Addressing his party's localgovernment and Europe con-ference in Birmingham, the on his plans to banish hereditary peers from the House of Lords and invited Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, to study the antecedents of Lord Brocket, jailed last week for a £4.5 milion insurance swindle, before claiming that the country's democratic traditions were in

He said: "The first Lord assured. "I find this compla-ency chilling. Victory will not

A FORMER minister may

face a fresh investigation into

allegations that he accepted

free hospitality without declar-

Sir Gordon Downey, the

Parliamentary Commissioner

on Standards in Public Life, is

to be asked to study claims

that Neil Hamilton, the for-

mer Corporate Affairs Minis-

ter, accepted undeclared

hospitality worth thousands of

clouded Mr Hamilton's hopes

of making a political come-

back. He is standing for the

leadership of the Tory backbench 92 Group in a

Mr Hamilton, MP for

Tatton, was forced to resign

his ministerial post two years

ago after a free stay at the Ritz

Hotel in Paris and the "cash-

He has always denied the

allegations but his attempt to

for-questions" affair.

ballot to be declared today.

The latest allegations have

pounds from US Tobacco.

ing it to the Commons.

Lloyd George. The second Britain's leading Nazi sympathisers. The third Lord Brocket has just started five years for fraud. Is this really what made Britain great? Lord Brocket not only voted for the poll tax, but spoke in favour of it and, in the course

of his remarks, called for a crackdown on lawbreakers." Mr Blair, who told his party faced the fight of its life in the coming general election campaign, delivered his sternest warning yet of the dangers of complacency. He said that not a day went by without his MPs or members telling him that victory was

The Guardian was frustrated

last year when the High Court

ruled that he could not sue for

defamation because of parlia-

Members' Interests ruled last

year that Mr Hamilton had

been "imprudent" not to de-

clare the Paris trip, but took no

Alex Carlile, QC, Liberal

Democrat MP for Montgom-

ery, who reported Mr Hamil-

ton over his £3,600 stay at the

Ritz, is to take up the latest allegations with Sir Gordon.

They include claims that

about seven years ago Mr Hamilton was a guest of US

Tobacco at luxury hotels in

New York and London in con-

nection with the company's

campaign to avert a govern-

ment ban on chewing tobacco.

day that he was still trying to

bring his libel action to court

and that he would answer any

Mr Hamilton said yester-

action against him.

Ex-minister may

face new inquiry

By NICHOLAS WOOD

come to us unaided. No one owes us power because we have been in opposition for 17 years. It is going to be the

The Labour leader seized on the collapse of the sale of the London, Tilbury and Southend rail line to a private bidder as another example of govern-ment unfairness. The London to Tilbury privatisation has been derailed by fraud - not so much leaves on the line as thieves on the line," he said.

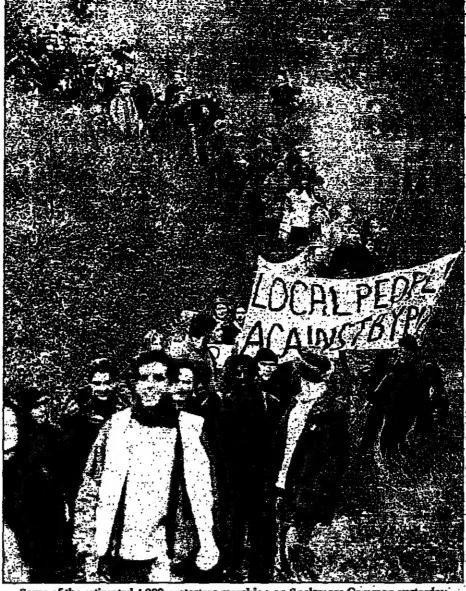
The widespread chaos is all due to the delayed departure of John Major's Government, The Prime Minister assured us he won't be blown off course. So we can expect a new consortium to bid for the line headed by Ronnie Biggs."

Mr Blair condemned the Government's decision to guarantee rises of only 2 per cent for nurses and claimed that its education, tax and pay policies were similarly designed to help only a minority.

The Labour leader painted a bleak picture of modern Britain as a divided nation, suffering from economic decline and social insecurity: "In the past, each generation was confident their children would do better than they did. Now we fear they won't. We worry about their schools. When they leave school, we worry about their iobs. When our parents retire, we worry about their pensions and when they are old whether their savings will be eaten up in nursing home care.

The Tories can play the politics of fear, but day after day they are inflicting real fear on the people. In Britain today, parents lie awake at night scared about their children's future." He said that after 17 years in

power, the Tories had shown they were not up to the job. But if Labour could govern for a generation, it could transform educational standards, make a real attack on long-term unemployment, build homes and transport links and



Thousands join peaceful protest march at Newbury

By A STAFF REPORTER

Newbury Society, said: "We did discuss it but decided it

would be counter-productive."

Yesterday's protesters in-cluded television presenter Maggie Philbin, who lives

near by, and Sean Blowers,

star of the ITV series London's

Burning. Miss Philbin, ac-

companied by her seven-year-

old daughter Rose, said: "I felt

I just couldn't sleep in my bed

unless I got out there and said

what I thought I know

Newbury has a desperate

traffic problem but I don't

MORE than four thousand protesters turned out yesterday for a rally against the Newbury bypass. Friends of the Earth, which organised 40 coaches to transport demonstrators to Berkshire from around the country, claimed it was the biggest anti-road pro-test held in Britain.

The march took place along two-mile stretch of woodland, heath and water meadows earmarked for the northern stretch of the proposed route through Snelsmore Common. It ended with a mass rally where speakers, including local businessmen, were delayed for more than an hour as thousands of people,

police, gathered for the event. down the line with the same Members of the pro-bypass lobby decided against staging problem, having lost all this a rival demonstration. Mike A spokeswoman for Green-James, joint president of the

peace, joint organiser of the rally, said: "The turn-out has been incredible. We have had 3,000 people through the train station and thousands more are still on their way. This is the highest number of people we have ever had for an event

Thames Valley Police estimated there were 4,000 people on the march, which took place peacefully. "We were very happy with the way it went. There were no arrests or scuffles at all," a spokesman said. "We had a low presence

Libraries attack Bottomley's call for cash from private sector

PLANS to involve the private sector in modernising Britain's threadbare-library service are to be announced shortly by Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary

Mirs Bottomley wants to find extra cash to revive the service without dipping into the public purse. A Heritage Department think-tank is completing plans to let private firms compete to run different library services just as they now bid to empty dustoins.

The Government hopes this will improve efficiency and inject capital, while leaving the service democratically controlled by local authorities.

Libraries need money urgently because for many years, the service has been vulnerable to cuts when councils look to balance their budgets. Turee quarters of library authorities had to make cuts this financial year and, with councils everywhere struggling to hold spending inside an even tighter spend ing cap, the year ahead is likely to be more difficult.

Year-by-year, funds have been nibbled away to the point where substantial capital expenditure is now needed to make libraries capable of meeting their statutory obligation to provide a "comprehensive and efficient service".

The Federation of Local Authority Chief Librarians calculates that £611 million is needed over the next five years just to bring libraries in England and Wales up to standard. It will cost a further E500 million to connect them. to the information superhighway, which the Library Association insists is "a necessity if libraries are in continue providing a comprehensive infor-

mation service". With the Government's squeeze on public spending, libraries have no chance of being granted anything like this. ir association has applied to the Millennium Fund for £90 million to set up the infrastructure and to fund projects for the Internet, that would not end the shortfall.

To the dismay of the Library public libraries, Mrs Bottomley has so far refused to allow money from the National Lottery to be used for libraries and has said that she means to involve the private sector more

in providing services.

"All the experiments in contracting out have showed there is no real gain," Ross Shimmon, the association's chief executive, said. The doctrinal insistence on continued experimentation does not take into account the drain on time and money that such

United Kingdom (England 108; Wales 13; Scotland 41; Northern Ireland 5). There are 4,769 libraries, of which 685 are mobiles (England 3,622; Wales 358; Scotland 629; Northern Ireland 160). There are 19,207 service points in hospitals, prisons, old people's homes, and so on. There are 46 branches open for more than 60 hours a week. Last year, £813 million was spent on library services at an average cost of 25p per head of population a week. The bookfund totalled £117 million - equivalent to £2 per head of population. Li-braries earn £54 million a year in fines, fees and services. There are 28,169 library staff including ans. Thirty per cent of the population visit a library once a fortnight. Libraries have a stock of about 132 million volumes, of

There are 167 public li

brary authorities in the

experiments make on an al ready very stretched system. out a council's library services will undermine co-operation between authorities and thus reduce the range of titles and facilities available. The only way in which privatising can work is by cotting staff, reduc-ing the number of titles and cutting opening hours."

which 33.5 million are on

loan at any one time. The

number of audio-visual

items issued grew from 14

million to 31 million in the decade to 1992.

Over the past decade, expenditure on library books has failen by an average of 9 per cent against the book-price index, with book funds in London and the metropolitan districts down by a quarter.

Last year, Somerset spent nothing on books and was investigated by the National Heritage Department for failgations. The southeast London borough of Lewisham closed two branches. This year Bury, Greater Manchester, may close all part-time branches and the school service.

The issue of books nationally decreased by 15 per cent through the 1980s. The association claims this is a result of cuts to opening hours and book funds. In England and Wales, there are now less than half the number of libraries

Princess of Wales aims to preserve royal title

BY EMMA WILKINS

LAWYERS acting for the Princess of Wales have written to her husband's legal advisers to emphasise that she wishes to retain a royal title should they divorce. The Princess's team at Mishcon de Reya wrote last week to Farrer and Co. reminding them of the Princess's wish to remain Her Royal Highness, the Princess

of Wales.

A divorced princess might usually be expected to modify her title from HRH the Princess of Wales to Diana, Princess of Wales. However, as mother of the second in line to the throne, the Princess might be accorded the honour of retaining Her Royal Highness as part of her title.

It is understood that the question is not proving an obstacle to discussions, which are expected to continue for several weeks. "There has been private correspondence between the legal teams on the subject of the title," the Princess's spokeswoman said. The issue is not a sticking point."

The Princess said in her Panorama interview in November that she wished to be queen of people's hearts". Her desire to retain an official title forms part of her strategy to fulfil an ambassadorial

The Queen, who wrote to the Prince and Princess before Christmas urging them to agree their divorce, continues to play a supportive part in the process. "It is absolutely right to say that the Queen is very understanding and has not put any pressure of time on the negotiations," the Princess's spokeswoman said.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman dismissed suggestions that there was pressure for a divorce settlement before the Queen's seventieth birth-day in April. "There is no particular deadline for settling this question. The main thing is to get it right," he said. "It is not linked in any way with the Queen's birthday, which she has made known she wishes

Police fear woman is with rapist

Victor Farrant, 45, the convicted rapist wanted in con-nection with the murder of Glenda Hoskins in Portsmouth last week, could be taking shelter with another

Detective Superintendent

David Hanna said: If Farrant is that smooth he could easily contact some body else, and we would hate to think another serious crime could be con Police have not ruled out the possibility that Farrant may have fled abroad.

Train separates A safety investigation was

under way yesterday after the lopm InterCity train from Euston to Manchester split in two as it travelled through Coast line last Friday. Inbuilt safety devices meant the train slowed to a halt and no one was injured.

Palace coup

A documentary on Bucking-ham Palace and Windsor Castle has been abandoned because Thames Television wanted to focus on human aspects of their history rather than the buildings and their art collections. Another company may take over the

Mother killed

Velda McKelvie, 27, was hacked to death while her three young sons were in the next bedroom, detectives believe. The attacker then set fire to the house in Corby. Northamptonshire. One boy, aged three, was seriously hurt in the fire. A 24-year-old man was being questioned.

Shining knight

Alan Beattie, a college locturer, has won the world jousting championships in New Zealand for the fifth consecutive year. Mr Beattle, from Cowesby, who uses the title Alan of York, lectures on marketing, business studies and how to join the emergency services.

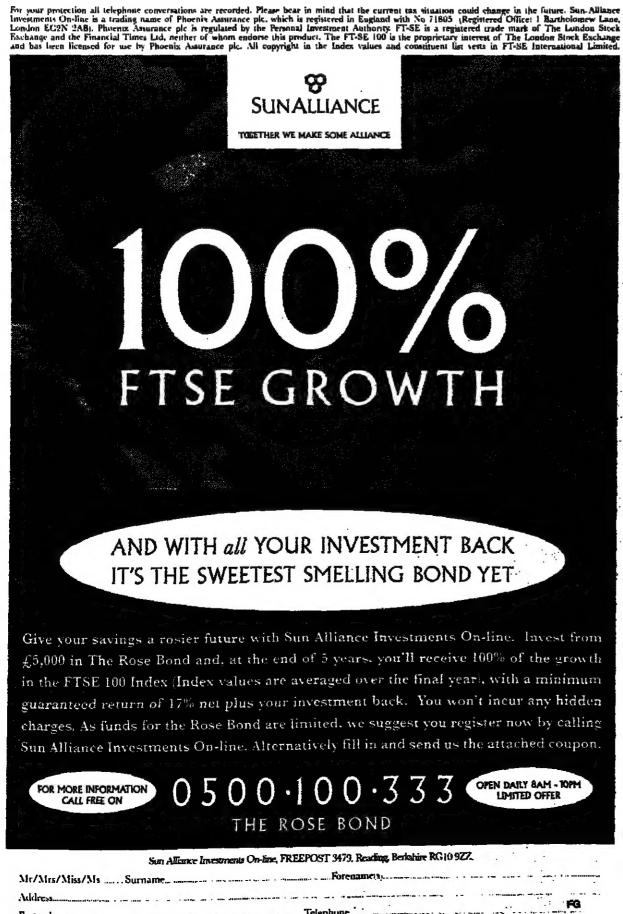
"How to Look Sexy, Make Friends and **Manage Your Boss'** Repulé Watching

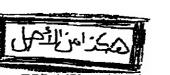
The ubiquitous media doc has done it yet again; this time turning his talents for producing sparkling gems of information in rapid-fire sequence to the field of body language and private habits. As always, he makes his subject both personally relevant and of practical use. Here's bow to judge people by the Christmas cards they send, the bags they carry or the cars they drive, plus how to manipulate your doctor. appear sexy or make a rival uneasy and a host of other tips too. Once you start to browse you would have to be a hermit not to find it utterly unputdownable" (The Good Book Guide)

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emerges as clear victor in Iowa

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

WHATEVER the results of today's Republican caucuses in Iowa, the clear winner will be President

thrown so much mud at each other that every leading contender has been sullied, and they have offended moderate Amerioffended moderate Americans by pandering so shamelessly to lowa's powerful religious Right. Steve Forbes, the pub-lishing heir, has exposed the hollowness of Robert Dole's campaign, though the ageing Senate leader

remains by default the party's most likely nomi-nee. Mr Forbes's huge spending has forced his rivals to follow suit. severely depleting their war chests, and his trademark "flat tax" has opened an ideological rift within the party.
As if to rub in his

advantage, Mr Clinton flew around Iowa at the weekend, preaching opti-mism about the future, looking distinctly presi-dential and transparently

> 6 This is a demolition derby. We have gone over the edge ?

enjoying the sight of the Republican bloodbath below him.

He is unchallenged for the Democratic nomina tion and has about \$36 million (£23.5 million) to spend on attacking whichever Republican eventually emerges as his opponent. A new poll yes-terday put him 17 points ahead of Mr Dole and 18 ahead of Mr Forbes.

negative commercials and his rivals retaliated, producing the absurd spectacle of Republican millionaires waging class warfare on a billionaire.

This is a demolition derby. We have gone over the edge. The sheer volume, the money, the venom. the distortions - it's being done with more money than ever before," lamented Richard Lugar, the Indiana senator who is the only candidate to have shown restraint.

Voters are disgusted. "It is the ugliest thing I have ever seen," said one Iowa Republican activist, More significantly, recent polls have measured a rapid rise in the ranks of

It is a long time until November, but so far things are turning out far better for President Clinton than he could ever

President Forbes attack on religious Right helps Dole camp

FROM TOM RHODES IN DES MOINES, IOWA

STEVE Forbes, the millionaire publisher, appeared to have sumbled in the minefields of Iowa's caucuses yes-terday as the battle for the soul of the Republican Party reached a nadir of negative campaigning in advance of the traditional voting process

Launching a series of bitter attacks on his rivals for the Republican nomination, Mr Forbes blamed the organisation of Robert Dole for "engaging in desperate dis-tortion" to undermine his chances of success

Mr Forbes said a telephone campaign implemented by Dole supporters had aimed to undermine his candidacy by citing his past comments on abortion, homosexuals in the military and other social

At the same time, he lambasted the Christian Coalition. America's most influential army of religious conservatives and a critical mass thought to include at least 40 per cent of those likely to attend tonight's caucuses. Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, said Mr Forbes's attack was likely to backfire at the ballot box. The Republican Party is no longer the party of business, it

is the party of the family." The climax of months of campaigning in the Hawkeye state left Mr Dole increasingly confident of victory in the first real test of the 1996 presiden-tial campaign. The assault by Mr Forbes enabled the embattled Senate majority leader to leap to the defence of the religious Right and deflected his rivals' attention in a series of withering attacks against the heir to a publishing for-tune who is said to have spent

\$20 million (£13 million) on the

race - much of it on negative

Conventional wisdom, encouraged by latest polls in the would win but the battle for both second and third places, until a week ago seemingly certain to include Mr Forbes. appeared wide open with at least 19 per cent of voters said to be undecided in the final day on the stump. The entrance of the publish-

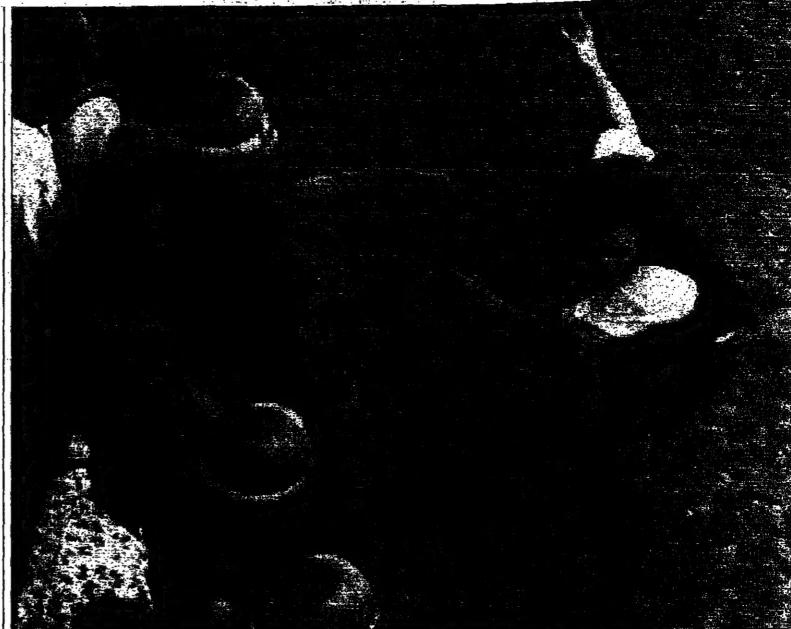
ing magnate has completely altered the lowa race. Directly flouting Ronald Reagan's stricture never to attack a fellow Republican, a blizzard of negative advertising by the Forbes machine, has produced a vituperative campaign and provided a real challenge to Mr Dole, previously seen as a favoured son from neighbouring Kansas.

"Forbes coming in was the equivalent of throwing a stick of dynamite into the mix," said Brian Kennedy, the Republican Party chairman. "It gives even though it is not clear that Forbes is going to be the ultimate beneficiary."

In the long term, the internecine struggle between the candidates in Iowa has only emphasised a lack of certainty among many in the Republi-can Party that Mr Dole is capable of beating the unchallenged Democratic incumbent at the White House.

The spectre of Colin Powell former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who declined to run last year, still hung like a cloud over meetings through-

In 1988, Mr Dole won Iowa with 38 per cent of the vote. The wealth of candidates in the present race makes it unlikely he can achieve



Fans reaching out to Michael Jackson during filming of his new single, They Don't Care About Us highlighting the plight of poor children

Rio fails to ban Jackson filming in slums

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANEIRO

MICHAEL Jackson staged an eccentric helicopter landing on the football pitch in one of Rio's hillside slums vesterday to film a new video which has provoked controversy with Brazilian authorities.

The American pop icon arrived in Brazil on Saturday wearing an antipollution mask and holding hands with two small children who travelled with him from New York. The video, for his latest single, They Don't Care About Us, is meant to highlight the plight of children in poverty-stricken

Jackson went to the north-eastern city of Salvador, to film with 200 Afronial city that was once the slave capital of Brazil. During it, he received a bear hug from a fan which caused him to fall to his knees.

Rio's authorities took legal action to ban him from filming in the filthy alleys of the Dona Marta slum, which is home to 4,000 people: It is perched above the leafy, middle-class district of Botafogo, and has specthcular views of the Sugar Loaf Mountain and the huge figure of Christ the Redeemer.

is a stark reminder of the huge gap that exists between rich and poor in the seaside city, and is a more of narrow alleys where the scale of drug trafficking and crime are notorious. But a judge finally overtained at attempt by Rio's authorities to refuse the pop star an entry visa after protests from residents of Done Marte, who

Rio, said the video would reflect a beautiful views was "too good to paid to act as security guards; and the local association of shun dwellers has been offered \$4,000 (£2,500) for the use

population is black Jackson is a paradoxical figure. "I don't know what to think about a black man who wants to be white. He should be proud

Washington agonises as film rights sold for shock 'Clinton' bestseller

BY MARTIN PLETCHER

SOMEONE somewhere is making a fortune through their inside knowledge of the Clintons foibles, and Washington is frantic to know who. The anonymous author of

Primary Colours, a wicked roman a clef about President Clinton's 1992 campaign, has just sold the film rights for more than \$1 million (£667.000) and the paperback rights for \$1.5 million. The hardback has shot to the top of the bestseller lists and every Washington bookshop has sold out. However, a month after the novel's publication the author's identity remains a

mystery. The frenzy is building, with speculation consuming entire radio and television programmes. Chat-show hosts are gathering suspects in their studios, only to receive blanket denials. The Washington Post has set up a hotline for tips. Enterprising journalists have even conducted "on-line" computer interviews with the author, but he or she rejects all "autobiographical" questions.
Some in this status-con-

scious city are discreetly seeking to have their names added to the mix while Christopher Hitchens, a British journalist who writes for Vanity Fair. has mischievously held book-Even Mr Clinton has now

joined the game, calling it "the only secret I've seen kept in Washington for three years". but the most extraordinary aspect of the whole affair has been the reaction of the Presi-

The novel paints a shocking picture of a glib, lecherous Southern Governor whose

ruthless wife keeps his White House campaign on course, but not one of Mr Clinton's campaign veterans has yet denounced it. On the contrary, their common reaction has been to express amazement at its verisimilitude, insisting it could have been written only by an insider.

Harold Evans, the publisher and former editor of The Times, claims not to know the author's identity. The copyright belongs to an untrace-able Machiavelliana Inc. The book is dedicated to "my spouse, living proof that flamboyance and discretion are not mutually exclusive, but the torrent of speculation has yet to produce a consensus even the author's sex. Aids law signed: Mr Clinton has reluctantly signed legislation that will require the service members carrying the Aids virus (Ian Brodie writes). The President described the measure as "abhorrent" and, in an unusual move, ordered

Pentagon to discharge any

the Justice Department not to defend the new law in court if anyone sued for wrongful dismissal. His hope is that the courts will rule that the provision is unconstitutional. However, Mr Clinton reject

ed pleas by gay rights groups to veto the Bill, explaining that it contained items that for reasons of national security could not be delayed. Those known to be HIV-positive number 1,049 among the 1.5 million service personnel. All have been deemed fit for service, but are barred from combat or serving abroad where monitoring of their



Crash jet parts may be on sale

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN FURT WORTH, TEXAS

AMERICAN Airlines has warned other carriers that parts of a Boeing 757 which crashed in the mountains of Colombia, killing 160 people. may be for sale on the black American sent a letter late

last month to airlines that fly Boeing 75/s and Boeing 767s, said John Hetard, a spokes-man for the Fort Worth-based carrier. The airline also included a J4-page list of parts that might be missing.

parts that might be missing.

The scavenged parts may include both engines, pieces of the landing gear, emergency door slides, high-pressure turbine engine blades and toilets. He was not sure how many or which parts were taken from the crash site.

Engines like those on the

Engines like those on the crashed jet cost about \$2 million (£1.3m) cach when new and could bring at least \$1 million on the used market. The parts are disas-sembled and refurbished to look like urw, then sold with fraudulent paperwork en-

perts say.

Flight 965 from Miami-crastical on Detember 20 in the mountains near Call, killing 160 people: Four-



FROM QUENTIN LEITS IN NEW YORK

A SYNAGOGEE with an elderly and dwindling congre-gation, hopes to ensure its survival by offering thodsands of dollars to new recruits. Shaarey Tehloh, a 125-

strong symagogue in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, is offer-ing \$2,500 (EL.600) welcome the additional hire of free school transport and help in finding work in a campaign that may present a lesson to the Church of England's less successful parishes the syma-gogue has devised a glessy marketing strategy to help

find new worshippers.
It has placed adversise nents in Jewish newspapers: and offers prospective wor-shippers career guidance, housing advice and a welcome from the Mayor of Perth Amboy. It will even secure a meeting with the local bank manager to discuss attractive loan rates. Under the deal, newcomers will be excused \$375 synagogue dues for a year. There is no productivity clause no figure has been set on the number of times new

corners will be expected to In the 1970s the synagogue, which was founded in 1898. had more than 650 members. However a generation was members is now over 65. They admit that unless something radical is done it will probably have to close in a few years.

The novel recruiting drive was started by the synagogue's youngest member Alan Goldsmith, 48, a shoe shop proprietor, whose grandwas an early member of

the synagogue. "All the other 4. congregants are senior citizens," he said yesterday. "I have very close ties with this synagogue and felt it was time

The marketing drive is being paid for from an endow-ment fund. I argued that unless we used the money on this there would be no synagogue members left to benefit from the endowment, so it would become useless." Mr Goldsmith said. During the recessionary

irs, younger men left to look for work, and changes in public attitudes did not suit the respectful tone of the synagogue. Shaarey Tefiloh is an Orthodox congregation. Its members observe the Torah and do not drive on the Sabbath.

Fifteen families, from as far afield as the Midwest, are currently "actively considering" a move to Shaarey Telioh. They will receive their welcome money once they have signed the lease on a

"They are pioneers," Mr. Goldsmith said. "We just want them to help the community. It is traumatic to make a move to another synagogue and we want to smooth the process for them." The scheme has creatlost; and the average age of ed some tensions, for the newcomers tend to be more Orthodox than current

Not to be outdone by the scheme, a rival Jewish Orthodox community in New Haven, Connecticut, is tempting new synagogue members with the promise of \$5,000 interest-

Arbiters of good taste tempt French teenagers



Aubry: plans chicken dishes to rival the lure of Big Macs

PIZZA-EATING, Pepsi-swilling, burger-loving French teenagers are in for a shock. Their elders want them to rediscover la cuisine française. As fastfood restaurants sweep across the country, politicians, chets and personalities are uniting to promote the gastronomic traditions that are in danger of being lost.

Last week, for instance, a Breton youth hostel decided that it needed to iell local adolescents about crèpes, the pancake that is to Brittany what haggis

Announcing his week-long regional eastronomy courses. Gilbert Bénétou. director of the hostel in Dinan, said: "It's a question of awakening chil-

dren's curiosity and enticing them to

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS discover new flavours other than

hamburgers and chips."

The initiative is by no means isolated. Martine Aubry, daughter of Jacques Delors, recently said that her Foundation Against Exclusion would create its own restaurants in rundown urban areas. These would offer cheap chicken dishes to counter the influence of such giants as McDonald's. The announcement came amid

world - is becoming more and more

exceptional. A survey of French eating

habits showed that households con-

sume less wine, bread and meat than

ence of teenagers is a powerful incite ment to eat non-French cuisine. When maman serves a boeuf bourguignon. the adolescents sulk. For years, the authorities have tried growing evidence that France's legend-

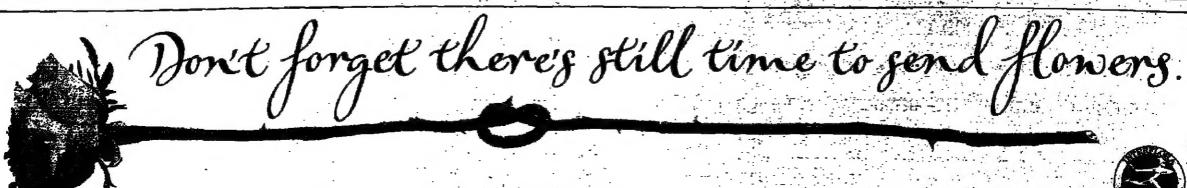
to reverse the trend by organising a Semaine du Goût - a week of taste to remind schoolchildren of their heritage. Every October top chefs and teachers extol the virtues of regional cooking. For five days, teenagers are encouraged to eat smalls, steak and cremes brulees. On the sixth day, research shows, they eat a Big Mac

ever before. Consumption of frozen food and take-away pizzas has risen. According to another study, the pres-



ary resistance to global trends is on the wane. L'exception française — the right to be different from the rest of the

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Anyone considering with-drawal from the Golan Heights would be abandoning how the disputed peace proisrael's security."

Known as "the eyes of israel", the 700 square-mile

plateau looks out over Leba-

non and Syria from the snow

covered peaks of Mount Hermon. In the east, there is a

strip of extinct volcano extend-

ing across a broad Syrian

expense which serves Israel's

early-warning and deterrence needs. In the south are the Yarmouk and Rakkad rivers.

which can deeply between the

argue that handing back the Golan is in the wider interests

of the Jewish state, do not deny

cating Israel's bristling sur-veillance equipment: From

up here, we even know who in

Damascus has had their ap-

The Golan is the source of

one third of Israel's water. It is much more vital to the security of the state than the Sinai

which was given back to Egypt," argued Debby Atom, a widow and mother of six

children, who has lived on a religious sentement here since

974. The settlers are particu-

arly aggrieved over Labour's

change of heart, as 71 per cent of them voted for Rabin in

Last night it was announced in Gaza City that Yassir Arafat

is to be sworn in today as the first Palentinian President. He

received 87.1 per cent of the

vote in the January 20 election;

pendix removed."

cess will monopolise the cam-paign. The public will have to decide between two options, there is no third way, "he said. "One option will, without doubt, lead us back to the 1967 lines, divide Jerusalem, forfeit the Celtin and found a Pales. the Golan and found a Palestinian state. The other, ours, will maintain a united Jerusalem, will keep the Golan, maintain security and prevent the founding of a Palestinian

Golan dominates

campaign as Peres

launches early poll

Mr Netanyahu underlined

While most Labour candi dates are ready to hand back the Golan to Syria as the price of peace, the settlers who will be fighting any such move will Rabin just before the 1992. election which swept him to

told them then. We must put al from the Golan is unthink



victims

Hope fades

for Japan

landslide

HOPE virtually ran out yes-terday for 20 people en-tombed in two vehicles after rescue workers

ions of rock and mud from a day, crushing a bus carrying people to Sapporo for a snow festival.

a desperate gamble to reach the victims, 19 in the bus and a lone motorist, on Japan's northermost island of Hok-kaido. Relatives agreed to the use of dynamite after efforts to reach the vehicles from either side were thwarted by tons of fallen mek and soil.

through debris, said the front and back of the bus were and one hand but calls to him

the tunnel and taken to hospi



The Toyohama tunnel in northern Japan in which 20 people were trapped by a giant boulder, arrowed, which plunged off a mountain in Saturday's landslide

Hong Kong blaze kills four during school hike

FROM REUTER IN HONG KONG

A SEARCH continued yester day for a missing teacher last seen dragging children to safety up a steep path in Hong Kong, Geeing a mountain blaze which killed another teacher and three pupils.

The rescuers found an in-

jured boy during the day, almost 24 hours after the fire engulfed a school party hiking to a picnic spot.

The rescue operation was hampered by the ferocity of the fire, which raged for 14 hours, fed by tinder-dry undergrowth despite efforts to contain it with water-bombs dropped from helicopters.

the lives of an Il-year-old, two 13-year-olds and their geography teacher, was extinguished early yesterday.

Eleven children remained in hospital, suffering from injuries. Six of them were in a critical condition and doctors gave them only an even chance of survival.

Two were injured when they lost their grip and plunged from a helicopter sent in to pluck them to safety at the height of the blaze. Others lost their footing as they tried to flee uphill from the flames and tumbled down the boulder-

A helicopter winchman suf-fered burns to his face, neck and leg when he was lowered into the flames after the fallen

Islamic radicals blamed after 17 die in Algiers car bombs

is convulsed by an

formally announced his intention of holding early general elections, heralding a divisive

campaign overshadowed by last November's assassination

of Yitzhak Rabin in which the

luture of the Golan Heights

will be a dominant issue.
With opinion polls showing
Mr Peres, who leads Labour,
more than 20 points ahead of

his nearest rival, Benyamin

Netanyahu, leader of the main right-wing Likud Party, cam-paigning will be hard-hitting Labour officials said polling

would take place in late May

or early June rather than October as scheduled.

the Golan, conquered from Syria in 1967, engenders

among Israelis was demon-strated last week when 60,000

people made a symbolic pil-

grimage here to plant new frees in solidarity with the 15,000 Jews who face an uncertain future in their 32

Among those digging in saplings was Rafael Erian, a former chief of staff and leader

of the ultra-nationalist Tsomet

Party, who has dropped the first political bombshell of the

campaign by scrapping his own bid for the premiership

and lining up instead with Likud to form a united "nat-ional camp" behind Mr

"As far as we are concerned. keeping the Golan in Israeli

hands will be the central

issue." Mr Eitan, a hardliner. who once compared Arabs to

cockroaches, said. "If we win, the Golan will remain in

Israeli hands and the coun-

The depth of emotion which

Seventeen people were killed and 52 mjured when a car bomb exploded at about. 3pm local time in the Belcourt quarter of the capital. Algiers. according to official sources...

The bomb exploded just as a minibus was passing a building that houses the Algerian newspaper La Soir d'Algérie and the offices of several independent journalists and photographers. Witnesses said it blew a crater in the

zeting journalists in May 1993, and 58 have been killed; most recently an Algerian

shot dead on Saturday. bomb planted in another busthing quarter of the capital. Bab el Oued, exploded and wounded 41 people. French television showed dozens of people peering at the mangled wreckage of a small car used to conceal the bomb to the Pah el Oued attack: A woman

wearing a headscarf and hold-

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suspicion fell on Islamic radicals trying to topple the mili ace it with strict Islamic rule. The Government, reacting to the widening violence. damped down by ordering Algerian newspapers to sub mit reports on terrorism to a

sovernment censor. The bomb that wounded 41 exploded in front of a heavily protected city office, but the

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN ALGIERS POWERFUL car bombs killed by known whether any jour ing a beby on her hip picked 17 people and wounded 93 nalists were among the dead her way through the pieces of others yesterday in Algeria, or injured, which is convulsed by an Islamic radicals began tar-

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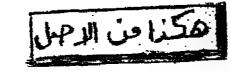


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THE FINEST IN THE SKY



EU foreign policy left in disarray by Balkan and Aegean bungling



Agnelii: undermined EU

Union starts revamping the Maastricht treaty, the 15 member states have given themselves a fresh lesson in their inability to take joint charge of security in their own backyard.

Bungling in the Balkans and the confrontation between Greece and Turkey, averted with US mediation. have shed light on the emptiness of the grand ambitions of the common foreign and security policy enshrined in the treaty.

The EU's disarray also highlights the huge obstacles to acquiring the diplomatic or military influence to match its formidable trading muscle and economic power. The 15 are to attempt this at the Intergovernmental Conference to revise the treaty in Turin next month. The Americans lost no time in

rubbing home the message that little has changed since Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of

Two disputes have again exposed the inability of European states to take charge of security in their own backyard and have attracted criticism from senior US officials, Charles Bremner writes

telephone number for "dialling

When it took the EU a week to step into the row between Greece and Turkey, Richard Holbrooke, the blunt-speaking US Assistant Secretary of State, wondered why the Europeans could not handle a dispute involving one of its mem bers and a Nato member over a tmy Aegean island inhabited only by goats. "While Clinton was on the phone with Athens and Ankara, the Europeans were literally sleeping though the night," he said. "You

State, used to quip that he had no have to wonder why Europe does not seem capable of taking action in its own theatre." Britain rejected the US charge as

"nonsense" in an angry outburst by the Foreign Office, which noted that the British Ambassadors in Athens and Ankara had been active in trying to defuse the tension.

Officials in Brussels offer multiple excuses for the Aegean failure. First is the absence of government in Italy, the current EU president. Under EU procedures, it is up to the holder of the rotating presidency to take the diplomatic initiative in

what the EU might face at the inter-1 governmental conference. There are less than two months to go and everything is drifting," a diplomat said. "If the Italians dort" get their act together, we could be in for a mess at Turin." mess at Turin."

The buck-passing over the Aegean dispute has been just as evident in the EU's latest embarrassment in former Yugoslavia, where the wars of the past four years cruelly exposed European inability to act in concert. Hans Koschnick, the German EU administrator responsible for the divided city of Mostar. threatened to resign if the EU failed to back his plan for reuniting. Croatia says the plan breaches the Dayton peace accords and rioters

tion. Susanna Agnelli; the Indian Mostar to press the point. The Foreign Minister, stepped in on administrator lears that his author-wednesday, Italy's tardiness was in Brussels as a warning of Agnelli, who went to Zagreb talking Agnelli, who went to Zagreb talking of negotiating a new plan.

For the great majority of states and Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, the solution is to equip the EU with more: centralised authority over its diplomacy. This means scrapping the national veto, often used to block joint action, in favour of qualified majority voting. John Major flatly opposes this and Prance is unlikelyto go along with it, despite President Chirac's pro-European 'rhetoric-There is wide agreement, however, that with 15 members and more: coming, the Council of Ministers is ineffective. "The countril has ceased. to be a place of negotiation and become a place where you drop in to

sign a press release," a senior

La Fenice

is to be

rebuilt

as it was'

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME THE Venice anthornies will

announce this week that La

Renice opera house, which

burnt down two weeks ago, is

to be restored as it was. The announcement ending contro-versy over whether the hinds

which have begun to pour in should be used to reconstruct

an exact replica of the 18th sentury "gen of Europe" or

new 21st century/opera house.

The decisions a victory for Massimo Cacciari, the left-wing Mayor of Venice, indeb praises by Venetians as the

e fire that La Penice

Phoenic Should be reconstructed comerc a dovern a as and where it was This was

the viloring a used for the reconstruction of the Campa-

nie in St Mark & Square when

Venice this week begins its carnival season in a mood of

aches and hope. This is like

holding the carnival at the time of the plague, such Maurizo Scaparro, who revived the carnival main mad-

In addition to masked balls

in the great houses lining the Grand Canal, there will be a-

harlequin masquetade ball at

the Goldoni theatre, starring

the actor and playwright Derio Fo, and a concert given

staging a comic opera

in St Mark's Source rock singer Peter Cabriel
Signor Fo said Venice was

it collapsed in 1902.

German officials agree privately with Britain that the big states will never bow to the will of the smaller ones and will hold on to their sovereignty. The lesser members will just "have to come to terms with

the reality of geopolitical relations". a British official said. Stuart Eizenstat, the US Ambassador to the EU, made the point on Thursday, saying the lessons of Europe's failure in Bosnia-Herzegovina had changed nothing. "Key member states do not yet wish to relinquish their prerogatives in the foreign-policy area in favour of a

common approach." Mr Eizenstat urged Nato and the EU to start talking working together, amid moves to bring the former Communist states into both organisations.

Peter Riddell, page 18

US aims to outfox Russian mafia with new \$100 bill

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

IN one of the most intriguing and sensitive currency exchanges ever attempted, the United States Treasury is to unload millions of its new \$100 notes - which are supposedly counterfeit-proof — on

Great fanfare is preceding the change. Washington has sent more than 2,000 videos explaining the new currency to Russia and the other former Soviet republics. A currency hotline at the US Embassy in Moscow is receiving 200 calls

But utmost secrecy sur-rounds the shipping of the redesigned money to Russia. The Treasury has not announced a date so far for its introduction, only that it will be before the end of March.

Experts say that the Americans have deliberately delayed any decision on when to send the money, or to which air-port, to foil any hijack attempts by the powerful Russian mafia. In the economic uncertainty of modern Russia, the \$100 note is widely accepted as the hard currency of choice among the mafia and millions of entrepreneurs and hoarders. The Russian Central Bank estimates that between \$15 and \$20 billion (£9.6 and E13 billion) is circulating in US currency, about 80 per

cent of it in \$100 notes. The high-anxiety question is how many of the old notes are counterfeit. The Central Bank says up to 20 per cent. Not so. claim agents of the US Secret Service, who track fake money as well as guard Presidents. By their reckoning, for every

million dollars that Russians hold in cash only a paltry \$80 That figure seems scarcely

plausible. Even in the US. \$100 notes are often looked at askance, such is their reputation as possible forgeries. In the Russian exchange, obvious counterfeit notes will be

High-tech engravers have laboured for ten years to design the new note specifically to frustrate counterfeiters. especially those in Iran who were said to be flooding the world with bogus dollars to undermine American integrity. The Secret Service's low estimate of fakes in Russia could be simply to corroborate Washington's insistence that reports of the Iranian opera-

tion were greatly exaggerated. The new notes will stay ahead of the technology curve and are intended to outwit the latest laser copiers and scanners that can increasingly mimic the colour of existing notes to near-perfection. The incoming \$100 note increases the size of Benjamin Franklin's head and adds features difficult to replicate. They include micro-printing, a polymer thread that glows under ultraviolet light and colourshifting ink that looks black when viewed directly and

green when seen at an angle. Russian demand for the new notes is expected to be intense. "No one will want any of the old notes for a second longer than they have to," a Moscow currency dealer said. US Treasury officials admit that they must avoid provoking a rush on Russian foreign exchange outlets which could destabilise the economy. The officials say that the old notes will remain in use and there is no deadline for their expiry.

Sceptical Russians will need some convincing of that When the rouble was changed five years ago, they were allowed only to exchange a month's salary. Millions who had stuffed mattresses with cash lost their life savings while they slept on them.

Becky Lowenthal, a US Treasury spokeswoman, said: "We're stressing that, unlike many countries where notes have been withdrawn, our currency will not be recalled, We would run the risk of instability in some places, especially Russia, if we did that. We're not taking the old notes out of circulation, just replacing them as they come back to the Federal Reserve."

Ms Lowenthal conceded

that the new notes would be seen as more desirable, but predicted that withdrawal of the older ones could take many years. Moreover, this is only the beginning. Within a few years the Treasury will redesign the \$50, \$20, \$10 and \$5 notes, but not the \$1 which attempt, give way to a coin.

Bagndad: Iraq and Russia have signed a deal for the implementation of giant pow-er and oil projects here, Iraqi official newspapers reported vesterday. Russia would carry out "a number of giant projects in the fields of crude extraction and power generation", they said. (Reuter)



Jean-Marie Le Pen, right, congratulating Vladimir Zhirinovsky in: Moscove

Vodka party cheers Zhirinovsky

Moscow: Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the the Russian extremist leader, threw a loud and lavish anniversary party on Saturday to launch his campaign for the presidency (Thomas de Waal writes). A crowd at the Moscow

church where he celebrated his silver wedding anniversary with an Orthodox blessing ceremony was treated to free vodka and pies before Mr Zhirinovsky and his wife, Galina, drew up in a horsedrawn troiks. The guest of honour was Jean-Marie Le-Pen leader of the French farright National Front, who flew in for the occasion.

The party has already set up a office to organise celebrations for Mr Zhirinovsky's fiftieth birthday on April 25.

that this was "a symbol of Italy today. The relatilding commission includes not only the Mayor but also figures from the discredited Christian Democrat-Socialist administration he replaced after the clean hands revolution of 1992 These: include : Gianfranco Pontel, who chairs the trust which runs the theatre. There is disquiet over the

sweeping powers given to the rebuilding commission and memories of the corruption prior to 1992 over building contracts in Venice have been revived. There is also continuing disagreement over whether La Fenice "as It was" means its original 1792 form or includes the additions made: after the last fire in 1836.

The cost of rebuilding was put at £133 million two weeks ago, but this has since been scaled down to about £53 million, of which the Italian Government has pledged onetenth. The rest will come from the appeal funds set up in Europe and America.

Opera experts say the restoration is also an opportunity for La Fenice's company to revive its reputation after criticisms that it had become provincial, beholden to trade unions and generally unworthy of its magnificent home.

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Major is to visit colony

Hong Kong: John Major is to visit Hong Kong next month (Jonathan Mirsky

He will arrive in the colony after a a meeting in Thailand of heads of European Union governments, their South-East Asian counterparts, and Chinese, South Korean and Japanese leaders on March 1 and 2. The Prime Minister is expected to have private telks in Bangkok with President Hang Zemin or Li Peng the Chinese Prime Minister. It is feared in Hong Kong that there is little Mr Major can do to diminish fears over next year's handover to Peking.

Papal trip ends

Caracas: The Pope ended a week long tour of Latin America by telling thousands of Venezuelans at an open air Mass to shun dols such as materialism and live by Christian ideals (AP)

Grenade toll

Oslo: Two teenagers were killed and four others injured, three severely, when an explosive, believed to be a hand grennde, went off during a party at a house in Kvinesdal southwestern Norway (AP)

Stand-off ends

Ground Russian soldiers swept the central square of Grozny, the Chechen capital, for bombs after proindependence protesters were driven away in buses, ending a tense week-long stand-off. (Reuter)

Poll rioting

Dhaka: Riots spread across Bangladesh as opposition activists tried to halt Thursday's general election. Two people were shot dead; one a senior policeman, and nearly 150 people were hurt. (Reuter)

Monk praised

Phnom Penh: Maha Ghosanarida, a monk called the "Gandhi of Cambodia" for trying to end fighting between the Government and the Khmer Rouge, has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. (AFP)

Miami splice

Rome: An Italian aged 29 who had a rare congenital disease has returned to Italy after six transplants - kidney, pancreas, stomach, large intestines, small intestines and liver - at a Miami hospital. (AP)

British to investigate Russian bases

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

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TWO Russian military bases are to be investigated this week by a British arms control inspection team searching for violations of an international treaty which is causing friction between Moscow and the West. Although Russia is committed to imple-

menting the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty, signed by 30 countries in 1990 and enforced since 1992, Moscow is insisting on keeping more tanks and heavy guns in the North Caucasus than is permitted under the agreement. The British team has warned Moscow

of its proposed arrival later today but without notifying the Russians of the bases selected for inspection. Codenamed Operation Finbar, the random check by an 11-strong team is part of the Western effort to ensure that Russia is complying with the conventional arms reductions agreed under the treaty. Unprecedented acress granted under

the treaty will enable the British officers and non-commissioned officers to inspect and photograph any of the "treaty-limited equipment" found at the two bases. The Russians have borne the brunt of the equipment destruction demands laid down by the treaty and have eliminated more than 10,000 items in the five categories - main battle tanks, artillery. armoured combat vehicles, attack helicopters and combat aircraft. They have also destroyed 7,000 more items of equipment east of the Urals, a region which is not covered by the treaty.

By comparison. Britain has only had to destroy 200 items, most of which were ageing Chieftain tanks, out of the 31,000 pieces of equipment eliminated by the 30 signatories to the treaty.

Although the Russians have complied with the overall limits set by the treaty and have become increasingly co-operative and at ease with visiting Western inspection teams. Moscow remains adamant that it must have the freedom to deploy a heavy presence of tanks and guns in the North Caucasus where Russia faces its most serious security challenges from former Soviet republics. The treaty

significantly. Last year General Vladimir Semyonov, commander of Russian ground troops, said that a new 58th Army would be set up in the North Caucasus: "The interests of security and the wholeness of Russia must have priority over the articles in this treaty."

However, the British inspection team from the Joint Arms Control Implementa-

sets zonal as well as national limits and

Russia is now technically in breach of the

treaty, although Western governments are largely sympathetic to Moscow's cry

that its security priorities have changed

tion Group (Jacig), based at RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire, is not involved in the politics of the treaty's enforcement. Their job this week will be to ensure that the appropriate number of items from the five categories are located at the two bases selected for inspection and to report any violations. Headed by Lieutenant-Colonel Henk de Jager, a Royal Marine, the Jacig team will carry no weapons, but will be equipped with a satellite-linked globalpositioning system.

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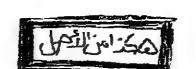
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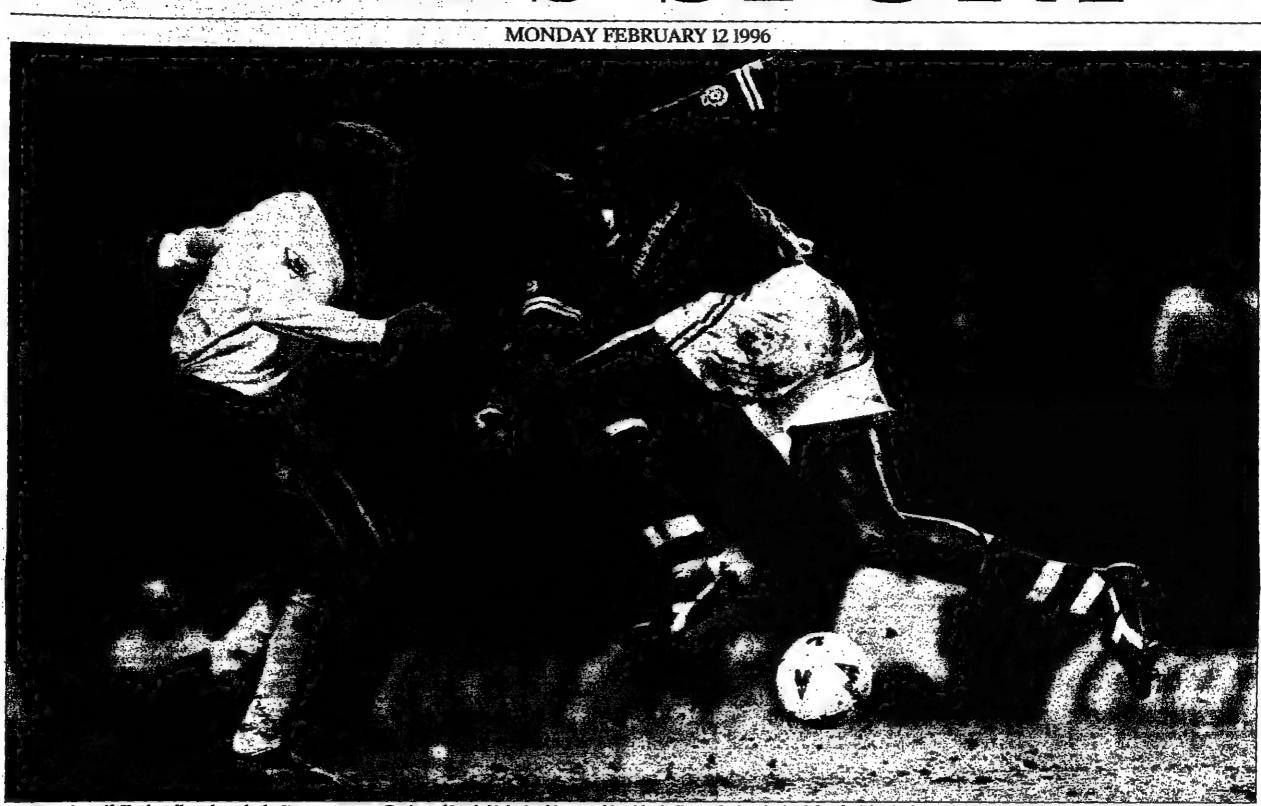
Colombian blends into Keegan's wider scheme



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Britons step up bids for indoor records



Francis, at 6ft 7in the tallest player in the League, presents Dorigo, of Leeds United, with a considerable challenge during the 2-1 defeat for Birmingham City at St Andrew's. Photograph: Marc Aspland

World Cup opens in fitting style

IN CALCUITA

day, to the impasse casting shadows over the cricket World Cup and Australia and West Indies must now: forfeit two points for refusing to play in Colombo. There was, however, a beginning to the competition proper with the opening ceremony here.

The teams were not brought here without motive. Jagmohan not arrive at their Ahmed-Dalmiya, driving force of ahad destination until Spin the organising committee, is, a Bengali and the launch has been part of his vision. It had its drawbacks, such as



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minimum of 850 miles from the initial games of each team, but it was still an inspired choice. "Share the magic" is the catchphrase of the competition: in Calcutta's crowded streets, there is

no choice. On Saturday, the city was brought to a standstill by a cavalcade. There were 200 motorcycles and 20 floats and the idea was that they would proceed to Eden Gardens in three hours. They

hours late.

The thousands of benears may consider it was who have habitually fixed symbolic.

THERE was no end, yester- the pavements of Calcutta have been cleared for the pageantry of the Cup, hun-dreds of thieves have been arrested in the area of the team hotels and what is anti-rowdy squad was out in force yesterday.

Apart from the usual lo-gistical problems in India --England's party had to be up by 4am today and will - the players are enjoying Saturday, Shane Warne was having a poolside chat with his South African pal, Jonty Rhodes, when a shy coloured lad approached. It was Paul Adams, cager to meet his hero. Warne cheer-

fully obliged.
England remain hounded
by injuries, Neil Fairbrother
requiring four staches in a headwound yesterday after colliding with a fence at practice, but they are treatng the tunnult of life here with a practiced phlegmatism. More than 100,000 packed Eden Gardens yesterday and the show passed off peacefully, even the apprehensive Australians treated to polite applause. The choreography was stunning but, even here, the show met its banana

skins. In atmospheric dark-

ness, a laser impression of

the Cup itself was supposed

to blaze from a giant screen. Instead, it spun and lurched drunkenly. Organisers cious wheeler and dealer...

Fry faces tough task to lift Birmingham

Yeboah carries Leeds halfway to Wembley

Birmingham City Leeds United

By ROB HUGHES HOUTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE return of Tony Yeboxi galvanised Leeds United to within a game of their first Wembley cup final since 1973. In a Coca-Cola Cup first leg that paid no heed to football's excuse that semi-finals are crippled by fear, Yeboah's ability to score once, and then to panic Chris Whyte, the former Leeds defender, into an own goal, hauled Leeds back from the threat of a deleat which, under the tenacious and passionate Birmingham City assaults, they had faced

for half the game. . When you visit St Andrew's. you must throw dice in Barry Fry's casino. The Birmingham manager has such a restless soul, such a gambier's in-stinct, and such a compulsive habit of buying and borrow-ing players, that the only thing

you can anticipate is that his ream will attack on all fronts. Yesterday, he included a goalkeeper talled Bart, a young man plucked from noneague football in Holland on the recommendation of one of Pry's former players when he was manager of Barnet. A telephone call here a nod there, is enough for this rapa-

Others in the team included midfield, making his debut in a loan period from Sheffield

Wednesday; and then there was Jonathan Bass, 20, playing only the second senior game of his life because Birmingham, already without Bennett, their injured firstteam goelkeeper, so ill-timed their suspensions that three of the first-choice defenders were also obliged to be bystanders. One constant, only one in

the tireless worker, the hungry

We had already seen two elements that no Birmingham City stalwart wanted: a coin. or some other object, had been lunatic in the crowd, a lunatic who jeopardises Birming-ham's future because the club Birmingham's 11 Coca-Cola is already on probation after Cup games, has been Steve Claridge. He, the epitome of

The other unwanted element? The sheer class of

Cantona's spathle puts Cole and Shearer in shade 26 Liverpool victory maintains pressure on leaders 21

Yeboah.

fellow who has no respect for men of a supposedly higher class, began almost every-thing that Birmingham threw at Leeds. His first shot, from 20 yards, surprised Lukic, it was delivered on the turn, either optimism or sheer check at its extreme, but floated fractionally wide of the far-

angle between post and bar. Claridge refused to be suppressed. In the 25th minute, he created the opening goal for Kevin Francis. It was something of a role reversal, for Francis is a bean pole of 6ft 7in, a basketball figure on the cloying mud of St Andrew's.

Yet it was Claridge who leapt in the air to heat Wetherall, winning the ball from Sheridan's perceptive pass, and dropping it behind the centre back for the rangy Francis to run on and then, with an explosive right-foot McAllister. He had shown his annoyance with Palmer for failing in his duties as one of the anchor players in front of McAllister printedly took up that position. He might as well perform that task, too, for he was prepared to be defender getting his body in the way of the ball, midfield creator and auxiliary forward. bursting into attack alongside

Eventually, the composure of Leeds, against the sheer hunger of Birmingham, brought reward. In the 53rd minute, Lukic kicked the ball long out of his hands, the diminutive Wallace jumped to flick it on with his head, Johnson allowed it to run beneath his foot, and, lurking behind him, was the one leave unmarked. Yeboah simstranded, startled Griemink. fortune spun from one side to the other. The greater number of chances fell to Birmingham

of the substitutes. Eventually, against the run of play, and laced with cruel misfortune, Birmingham succumbed. The winning goal stemmed from the athleticism

and were spurned by Francis

Down the right flank, he chased a ball that others would have given up as lost, he reached it right at the corner flag and, wonderfully, he turned and whipped in a centre measured for the head of Yeboah. The Ghanaian's contact was not of his usual calibre, the ball travelled down into the mud, but it struck Whyte, rose up again.

and looped mockingly into the net past poor Griemink. Leeds had done it without Brolin, a multimillion pound foreigner lit but not in lavour. Fry insisted: "It ain't all over yet." However, when the secand leg is played on February 25. Leeds will be clear favourites ... unless that man Fry is planning another couple of loan players, say Yeboah and McAllister, for his squad. BRHANGHAM CTV (4-4-2: 9 Greenach.—
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'Our Sal' tempts ITV cameras back indoors

en days ago, the future for athletics as a television sport was looking bleaker than ever. Not even the presence of the two biggest names in British athletics had tempted the cameras to Birmingham for the AAA indoor championships. You had to read your morning newspapers to discover that, while Sally Gunnell had come second in the 400 metres, Linford Christie had pulled up

On Saturday, athletics began to fight back. The venue was the National Indoor Arena again, the event was the British leg of the richly-endowed Ricoh Tour, and the results, produced by a field of world-class competitors, will have had broadcasting executives scurrying for the calculators. What they will have been

not how much to pay for television coverage of athletics.

The days of television channels writing promoters blank cheques have long gone, but high-quality meetings, such as this, show that indoor athletics can still make for a very enjoyable afternoon's television - provided that you have a sufficiently star-studded field. Birmingham did and was rewarded with the presence of ITV and Eurosport. They, in turn, were rewarded with a world record (Maria Mutola in the 1,000 metres). a British and Commonwealth record (Ashia Hansen in the women's triple jump) and an impressive win

by Tony Jarrett. Yet.however distinguished their efforts, none of these



MATTHEW BOND TV ACTION REPLAY

the sort of box office appeal required by audience-chasing ITV. The highlight of the afternoon, according to Jim Rosenthal, the anchorman, was "the televised return of Our Sal". From that moment on, it was Gunnell with everything -on the treatment table, running, being interviewed . . . the works.

Eurosport needs no per-suading of the merits of athletics on television — Birmingham was the second of five indoor meetings that it is covering in six days. With a Tim Hutchings and Steve Cram, the channel's commentators, are probably rather relieved that they are covering these indoor meetings from the warmth and satellitetinked comfort of their Paris

Yet it does have its drawbacks. On Saturday, for instance, Eurosport began its Birmingham coverage 15 min-utes earlier than ITV, allowing

it to follow the top-class women's triple jump from the outset. With Hansen, Inessa Kravets and Iva Prandzheva all competing, it looked a good decision (especially as ITV played catch-up with recordings slotted between track events), but, somewhere along the line, the perils of longdistance commentary caught up with them. it was the fifth round,

Prandzheva was on the nunway. "Ignore that caption," Cram said confidently. The caption said that the lead was held at 14.58 metres, but Cram disagreed. According to him, the lead was held by Prandzheva's jump of 14.56 metres: Sadly, the caption was right and Cram was wrong somehow, the satellite channel had managed to miss Hanbreaking jump altogether. That though was an unchar-acteristic slip from a channel that can justifiably claim to be the home of athletics. The question is for how much longer? The European Broadcasting Union (EBU) has declined to meet the considerable sum for television coverage of International Amateur Athletic Federation meetings for the next four years sought by Prime Nebiolo, its president.

The EBU, which has close and complex links with Eurosport, has offered a much smaller sum: The present impasse leaves the negotiating door open to anyone taking a more optimistic view of the future of athletics on television. ITV is said to be considering it to but only, presumably, if it includes "Our Sal".

McRae settles for place on podium

COLIN McRAE opened the defence of his world rally championstiip by finishing third in the Swedish Rally yesterday. Tommi Makinen, of Finland, who led almost throughout the race hung on to clinch victory in his Misubishi Lancer just ahead of Carlos Sainz, driving a Ford Escort, even though he had to plough tracks for his rivals through fresh snow. Sainz, of Spain, in his first race for Ford, almost snatched the lead on the last stage, but a broken shock absorber forced him to settle for second

McRae was disappointed afterwards. "It could have been better," he said. "If the tyres had been all right, we could have won. It's a bit frustrating, but at least we got some points." It was, nevertheless, a better performance than last season, when he failed to finish the event. This year, in his Subaru Impreza, he finished Imin 05sec behind the winner, just ahead of Juha Kankkunen, of Finland.

Britons enjoy success

JUDO: Great Britain won two medals at the Paris international fournament on Saturday. Diane Bell took silver in the mider 61 kilogram division, losing to Heana

silver in the mider 61 kilogram division, losing to Heana Bellian, of Duba Bell was overpowered by Beltran, who eventually church her with a perfectly-timed counter to win the match. Cheryl Peel, Britain's other contestant in the division, was fifth.

Danity Kingston won a bronze medal in the under-71 kilogram division, defeating Ferrid Kheder, of France, with a leg grab. Yesterday, British players failed to shine, but Rayel Nasinia of Poland, the world champion in the over-95 bilogram division, showed his class by defeating Pedro Soones of Portugal, with a shoulder throw inside 20 seconds.

Morgson suspended

BOXING: Tomany Morrison, right, the former World Boxing Organisation heavyeledically suspended for unspecified reasons by the Nevada Athletic Commission hours before he was due to meet Arthur Weath ers in Las Vegas en Saturday Marc Rainer, the executive director of the state body, said that legal constraints prevented him



Bison hopes fade

GR HOCKEY: Sheffield Steelers and Cardiff Devils KGR. HOCKEY: Smellield: Steelers, and Cardiff Devils steerigible of the premier division of the British League with wins at Basingstoke Bison and Mitton Keynes. Kings, respectively, while Nottingham Paintiers tost ground, beaten at home by the improving Newcastle Warriors. If Basingstoke the not get their injured players back soon, they see in danger of missing the playoffs. In the first division, Manchester Storm and Blackburn Hawks won yet again and Manchester need only two points to make the little a certainty.

Leopards' spot of bother

BASKETBALL: The Budweiser League was effectively Leopards. The second of those defeats, by 86-80, was away to Worthing Bears on Saturday, Alan Cummingham scored 36 points for the Bears, Manchester Giants exploited the absence through, suspension of Scott Paterson in the Newcastle Comets line up to gain the biggest win of the weekend, 18 56 in the Nynex Arena.

Bomb delays Dunstan

BOXING: Frank Warren's promotion, due to be staged at the London Arena on Saturday, was postponed in the wake of the disruption around the Docklands venue caused by the RA bomb blast. It will now be staged a short distance across east London; at York Hall, Bethnal Green, tomorrow. Tickets purchased for the event, the highlight of which Is Terry Dunstan's defence of his British cruiserweight title against Dennis Andries, the veteran former world champi-

Norman clinches title

won the Ford Open championship in Adelaide yester day, one stroke ahead of Jean-Louis Guepy, of France. Norman finished the tournament with a total of 284, four under par, to clinch victory despite being nine shots off the pace after 36 holes of the par-72 Kooyonga Golf Club course. Glenn Joyner tied for third with Peter O'Malley, his fellow Australian, on 286.



Male wins Open title

RACKETS: James Male, the world champion, won the Lacoste British Open championship at Queen's Club, London, yesterday, beating Nell Smith 15-10, 15-2, 15-1, 15-10 in the final. Male produced a string of unreturnable winners down the walls and retrieved superbly from all over the court. It was only towards the end of the fourth game that Smith began to show flashes of his own majestic power when the nearest he got to Male was to trail 10-12. Male's response, however, was simply to raise the pace.

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Salford end Wigan's game of monopoly

BY CHRISTOUTIER LAVINE

IT WAS like the curtain coming down on The Mousetrap. Nine years and 43 unbeaten matches since Wigan's last defeat in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, way back at Old-ham in February 1987, the most successful run in rugby league or, indeed, British team sport history, was dramaticaland abruptly ended by

Salford yesterday.

As with all the teams that tried and failed to knock Wigan from their pedestal, Salford were given virtually no chance. An hour after an extraordinary upset, people were still gathered in and around the Willows Ground. Saliord supporters pinching themselves and Wigan's large following in a state of disbeller that their annual appointment at Wembley in April is cancelled this year.

Salford, the first division champions, rose majestically the occasion. Steve Blakeley, an inspirational man-of-the-match in attack, and Scott Naylor, scorer of two of Salford's four tries. were once on Wigan's books. Steve Hampson, another Wigan old boy, made an outstanding defensive contribution in an overall display of superb collective will.

As a player, Andy Gregory won five Challenge Cup win-ner's medals with Wigan. As coach of Salford, his smile was broad, proug and mischieall," he said; but Gregory was fooling nobody. His side had achieved history on a day when Wigan, finally, met their match and shrank from the

Wigan, as subdued after wards as they were in the game, were gracious in defeat. but, as phenomenal as their strangiehold on the game's oldest and most-cherished prize was, the discovery of their mortality can only be for the greater good of the sport The script was a tired and predictable one, and the shocking twist yesterday, after Wigan's eight successive Challenge Cup victories, could not have been better timed on the eve of Super League and the move to summer.

Times are changing, and a lessening of one team's dominance can only be an encouragement to those sides used to trailing in the Wigan slipstream. Wigan had survived so many white-knuckle rides enge Cup as to imagine they

might survive another. Yet the intensity with which Salford burned in the first half did not relent. In a rumbustious Salford pack, Forber typified the spirit in their ranks, with his surges up the middle and last-ditch defence. When Wigan got even a halfbreak, Forber was there to snuff out the danger. This intensified as Wigan clawed back to 20-10, but fell away when Lee dummied the Wigan cover and Martin slotted into

the gap.
Whereas apparently irre-



Martin, the Salford try-scorer, charges at the Wigan defence during his side's extraordinary victory yesterday

were rescued, Salford proved too stubborn and Wigan, un usually, lacked the will and skill. It is a rare occurrence that none of their cylinders should fire, but Wigan have rarely been so rattled as they were by the head-on force with which they were met from the fifth minute. Lee's kick caused panic in the Wigan ranks and Young pounced on the free

Wigan could not achieve any leverage in attack and left themselves wide open at the back. The irrepressible Blakeley ripped through the middle to initiate the next try. by Naylor, and later sent over

trievable situations, at Hull the third of his five goals. dealt Salford a psychological a threw everything at Salford and Halifax in recent years. Wigan needed three scores to blow. go ahead, and immediately found Tuigamala lurking on the wing. On the stroke of

reverse but, in holding out for two effect. Navlor linked over for his second try, after a fine build-up by Blakeley and half-time, this might have Forber, whereupon Wigan

WIGAN SEIGHT HEATE AS SAME THIN.

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Hendry steps up early pressure

STEPHEN HENDRY paid Ronnie O'Sullivan the ultimate compliment in establishing a commanding 6-2 lead over the finest natural talent in snooker in the final of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

If Hendry, the world cham-

pion, attempting to capture the title for the sixth time in eight years, has an Achilles heel, it is the tendency, despite his deep reserves of experience, to occasionally take on ill-advised pots; yet, against O'Sullivan, a player for whom he has a healthy respect, moments of recklessness from him were non-existent.

The first frame set a pattern that the afternoon's play was to follow. Getting the better of a protracted tactical exchange,

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Hendry extracted 23 penalty points from O'Sullivan, the title-holder, before making a

afforded a scoring chance. O'Sullivan, not handi-capped by the bruised ligaments in his right foot that had caused such problems during the previous two rounds, won the second frame with a run of 62 and the third thanks to a last-red-to-pink clearance before he opened a 48-1 lead in However, just as a 3-1 lead

decisive break of 71 when

for O'Sullivan was looming. he missed a difficult red to a middle pocket. Hendry levelled at 2-2 with a composed clearance of 77 and the momentum shift was complete when he added the fifth in similar circumstances. O'Sullivan had nobody to

blame but himself. At 40-13, he missed a simple blue off its spot to a middle pocket. Hendry replied with 44 and secured the frame when O'Sullivan horrendously misjudged an attempted snooker on the final red.

So disconsolate after losing two such frames in succession. O'Sullivan's challenge crumbled during the remainder of the session and Hendry was left needing just four of the last Il frames to record his 28th win in 30 matches at the Masters, collect a first prize of £125,000 and achieve his 58th tournament win in 11 years as a professional.

On Saturday, O'Sullivan had benefited from an appalling performance by Andy Hicks to win their semi-final; Hendry beat Alan McManus to exceed £4.5 million in total career prize-money.

ahead of great rival

FROM CRAIG LORD IN GELIEVRIEGUEN

PAUL PALMER and James Hickman produced national records to secure two of Great Britain's four victories in the final round of the swimming World Cup here in Germany over the weekend. Palmer was successful in the 800 metres freestyle and Hickman in the 200 metres butterfly, the latter setting a second British record when finishing third in the 100 metres event.

Yet it was the victory that did not produce a record that may yet count for more with the Olympic Games in Atlanta only months away. Mark Foster registering his second defeat in five days of Alexander Popov, of Russia, the Olympic champion and world record-holder.

Popov has been beaten over 50 metres freestyle by only two men since 1991, twice by Raimundas Majuolis and the other four times by Foster.

The Briton, 25, who held the world record before Popov and who had claimed victory in the 50 metres butterfly on Saturday, tired in the closing ten metres of the final vester day, but held on to win in 21.90sec with Popov second in 21.92sec.

Palmer, of Lincoln, is also a medal hope this summer, a prospect all the rosier after his victory yesterday in 7min 46.25sec ahead of Jorg Hoffmann, of Germany, the former world champion. With the Olympic trials next month, Hickman provid-

ed convincing evidence of his

promise with his victory on

Saturday, finishing in Imin

55.67sec.

Foster pulls Willison shines in Sun City BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

nament victory since the BMW International in Mu-

McNulty could manage only a 73, one over par, during

his final round, played in

driving rain, but the one-shot

RICKY WILLISON, the former Walker Cop golfer, scored 68, the best round of the day, to earn a share of second place behind Mark McNulty, of Zimbabwe, in the Dimension Data pro-am tournament in Sun City, South Africa, vesterday.

It was a marvellous achievement by Willison, 36, from Middlesex, who tied with Nick Price, the Zimbabwean who is ranked No 2 in the world, and Brenden Pappas, of South Africa. They finished four shots adrift of McNulty, for

lead that he held overnight was not threatened. "It was so hard out there, it was easy to forget there was a tournament to be won," McNulry said. "I've played something like 12 tournaments here, including seven Million Dollar Challenges, and cannot remember a round like this. With the tough pin

nich in 1994.

Nicklaus considers end of an Open era January 2i. He has not been

JACK NICKLAUS'S remarkable record of having played in every major golf championship since the 1962 Masters has to end soon and, at a press conference in Florida today, he is expected to announce that it could be this year (John Hopkins writes). The Open at Royal Lytham and St Annes in July could be the tournament that brings an end to Nicklaus's appearance in 148 successive majors.

Nicklaus will say today that he will not compete at Lytham. in what would be his 39th Open, unless he plays well at the Masters in April and/or the US Open in June and, if he does not, the streak will officially end. "Everything has to end some time." Nicklaus said on Saturday night, "and while I still have the ability to play a little bit, I thought this would

be a good time to end it." Fullowers of golf have anticipated such an announcement from Nicklaus, who was 56 on

playing well enough to be competitive in major championships for some time. In the Nineties, Nicklaus has missed the cut in eight of the past 16 major championships and only once finished in the top ten — he came sixth in the 1990 Masters. The 1996 Masters is the tenth anniversary of his last major championship win. Last summer, he said that

the 1996 US Open would probably be his last on a regular basis. There are people playing better than I am playing and they deserve to be playing more than I do," he said. "I've been kind of realising that I should have done this a year or two earlier.

Todd Barranger, of the United States, shot a 68, four under par, to clinch the Thailand Open in Sri Racha yesterday. Barranger finished with a total of 271, five strokes ahead of Rob Moss:

placements, it became par golf when you did make par if was a hell of a feat.

The shot which won the

subsequent sets of six tackies

on their line, Salford purned

sive score, and Blakeley and Rogers had others disallowed

before Tuigamala's consola-

Martin's try was the deci-

the tide.

tion score.-

happened."
Ian Woosnam, who was seeking his third successive European Tour victory after wins in Singapore and Australia, recorded a 71 - his best round of the tournament - to

Meanwhile, Laura Davies. five holes outright to take his earnings to £52,000.

Daly won the first skin of the day with a par at the 10th, and followed that with successes at the 12th, 16th, where he won with a putt from around 27 feet for a hirdie, 17th and 18th, where he won with a closest-to-the-pin tie-breaker. This game is a whole lot of fun, particularly when you are

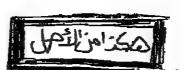
GOLF: Greg Normari, right,

tournament was my chip in for birdie at the 15th — until then, anything could have

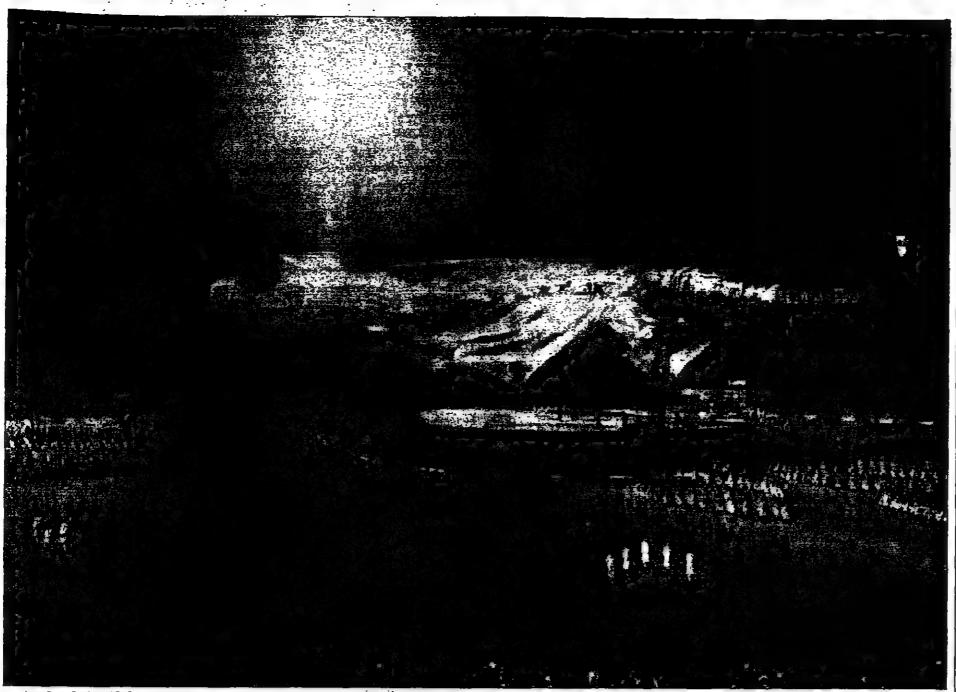
finish nine shots behind McNulty in fourteenth place. of Great Britain, ranked No I in the world in women's golf. was the only player to offer any resistance to John Daly as he dominated the final day of the Australian Skins event at Sanctuary Cove on Queens-land's Gold Coast. Daly won

Davies, the first woman to play in a such an important skins event, was able to bring a temporary halt to Daly's run of success, by winning £4,000 at the par-five 11th and £6,500 overall. She regularly drove the ball further than Tom Watson and Peter Senior, the defending champion, her partners. Watson, who won two skins on the previous day, was unable to add to his earnings and finished with £14,000. while Senior earned just

winning," he said.



Australia and West Indies prefer forfeit to Colombo fixtures



An already troubled cricket World Cup finally gets underway with the tournament opening ceremony at Eden Gardens, Calcutta, yesterday. Photograph: Russell Boyce

Sri Lanka win points not matches

SEVEN hours of debate here this weekend failed to break the deadlock threatening the harmony and balance of the cricket World Cup, which opened last night with a curious cocktail of celebration and recrimination. Australia and West Indies, intransigent in their refusal to visit Colombo, have consequently forfeit-Lanka, who will, by way of compensation for loss of reveagainst a combined India and Pakistan side in Colombo tomorrow.

The matter will not end there. An emergency session of the International Cricket Council (ICC), spanning Saturday afternoon and yester-day morning, failed in its mediating purpose and stopped only just short of the length and acrimony of the nine-hour meeting three years ago, at which the venue of this competition was bought and



Who will be the world champions of one-day cricket? Alan Lee, Simon Wilde, John Woodcock and Michael Henderson look ahead to a

competition already riven by controversy but still full of exciting possibilities. Our four-page guide starts on page 33

sold. Now, as then, the setting was formal, but the atmosohere more rancorous than decorous. Now, as then, the ramifications are unlimited. Although .. Australia and

West Indies are to continue in tive loss of no-more than two points — both should still qualify for the last eight further penalties will inevitably follow. Some of these may be financial. Others will beresponse of the rest of the cricket community to what some see as the selfish sabotage of this event.

Many options were investigated during the weekend and India even offered to play. Kenya as an initial match in Colombo, from which the security situation could then be assessed. West Indies and Australia, who have been guided throughout by government advice on the safety issue, declined to reconsider their decision -- intractability matched, on the other side, by t refusal, to after the Cup

schedule in any way. The fury of Pilcom, the organising committee, at the attitude of the defaulting countries is reflected by the Indian media and, through it, the public. The teams withdrew from their Colombo commitments because safety could not be guaranteed. Australia, at least, had good reason to do so; but they must now prepare themselves for possible hostilmy wherever they play. Australia, with ten days to fill before that happens, were last night planning to fly to Bom-bay for practice.

The press conference, yes-



Alan Lee, in Calcutta, reports on a World Cup stalemate that will

factory resolution featured an increasingly apoptectic perfor-Jagmohan Dalmiya, the Pilcom convenor, encouraged by questions from the floor accusing Ausanything from cowardice to racism. At one point, the cry went up that it was all "a conspiracy against the Third World", a theme abandoned only when it was pointed out that the Third World also

includes West Indies. The ICC is also widely being accused of weak-kneed incompetence, which is unfair. Weak

cers, but in its constitution.

The ICC is merely the sum of its constituents and, when they fall out among thempower available to arbitrate. Until that is established, the game will remain a hostage to the sort of circumstances that

to have more clout," Sir Clyde said. 'The time has come in this cricketing world when some organisation above the cricket boards should have the



rest heavy on cricket's conscience

ness are not in the intentions

martiament "There is a need for the ICC

it most certainly is, as was regretfully acknowledged yes-terday by Sir Clyde Walcott, present, that power does not



Steve Waugh, the Australia all-rounder, arrives in

exist. I certainly don't have the authority to tell countries whether they must play or not. "I was here only to guide and moderate. There was nothing more I could do."

Neither, clearly, was there anything that Pilcom could do, for the rules it had compiled for the competition made no provision for teams opting out fixtures to be coerced or even eliminated. "Sometimes vou learn from a mistake."

"I never anticipated this happening, because it has never happened in cricket before. Countries staging future World Cups may like to frame their rules differently."

Sir Clyde evidently has some sympathy with the stance of the Australians and his own West Indian countrymen. They acted upon information from reliable sources." he said, adding what sounded like a note of reproach to the tournament organisers. "Unfortunately, Pilcom did not agree to reschedule the fixtures so that two alternative

games could go to Sri Lanka." However, Dalmiya was unrepentant. "Pilcom was not convinced there was a need for rescheduling," he said. "We were prepared to hold matches in an empty ground or to helicopter the teams in from India. It is still not too late for them to reconsider these options and match the solidarity shown by Kenya and Zimbabwe in going ahead with their games in Sri Lanka."

Almost inevitably, the bombing in London's Docklands on Friday night was held up by Indian journalists as an analogy, Dalmiya and

Arif Abassi, his Pakistani counterpart, being quizzed as to whether their teams might now withdraw from the scheduled tours of England this summer. Both dismissed the possibility. Dalmiva pointing out: "A bomb went off during the first World Cup in England and no teams withdrew Bombs have gone off during ICC meetings and no one has

withdrawn. The differences here of players were personally threatened, some with death, by fanatics in Sri Lanka (and Pakistan) and that they, and West Indies, had the opportunity to judge the Colombo situation before setting off.

They have acted prudently, but those who believe the caution to be excessive include at least one of their own, lan Chappell, a former Australia captain, here as a television commentator, is appalled at the concession of a game.

"Forfeit is a dirty word to me," he said. "I couldn't bring myself to give away a game of cricket in any circumstances." It should not have been

necessary. If Pilcom had acted with foresight rather than obstinacy, relocating the games as soon as trouble loomed. Sri Lanka could have been recompensed out of the additional revenue. That option has now been sacrificed, along with the integrity of the whole competition, for, while Sri Lanka have lost in many ways, they have already gained four points without playing, a potentially signifi-cant anomaly that will forever be on the conscience of this

Test of nerve restores Hakkinen to racing trim

Oliver Holt, in Estoril, on a driver's fightback from deathbed to racetrack

ika Hakkinen hid his bloodshot eyes behind a pair of the way that a boxer does when he has been bruised by an opponent's punches. His own fight, three months ago to the day, lasted little more than a split-second and the concrete wall at the Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide was always going to be the winner, Yesterday, though, he made his first public appearance since the crash that nearly killed him and announced happily that he was coming back for more.

He spoke of sitting behind the wheel again with the joy of a learner driver who has just passed his test, thrilled by the simplest things. People whom he once considered colleagues have become friends. "Life became my priority, not work, work, work," he said. "I saw that we are all human beings, not machines, and that we have to think of other people sometimes." Behind classes, he is seeing more clearly than ever.

At times, of course, he looked thoroughly ill at ease, casting his eyes down at the

ace of banks of the photographers who had come here to picture him and David Coul-thard, his new team-mate, alongside the new McLarenmula One car. In the weeks since the accident, he has been protected from the pub-

lic glare as speculation about whether he would be able to continue racing raged around

His face is thinner than it used to be, certainly, and his manner not quite as assured his car spun out of control during the first qualifying session for the race on November 10, clipped a kerb and was launched straight into a tyre barrier shielding the wall. He lapsed into a coma and, at the circuit, people said that he would not last the night. Even the more optimistic doubted that he would ever drive again.

Yet he did get through the night and, after a month in hospital with the constant help and support of Ron Dennis, the McLaren managing director to whom he paid tribute, he was allowed home. He began doing a little light running, then some more strenuous fitness work and then more still during a week of intensive physical conditioning in Bali, A week ago, he got back in a Formula One car at a private test in the south of France and went quicker than Michael Schumacher, the world champion, had in a Ferrari a few days earlier. Now, despite the lingering effects of his injuries, his handshake is as firm as ever

and he is insistent that he

will take his place on the grid

in Melbourne on March 10. The Mika Hakkinen story is quickly becoming one of those tales of miraculous recovery that professional sportsmen seem so adept at As they do so often with

for the first race of the season

boxers, some will question why Hakkinen, 27, would want to re-enter a sport that nearly deprived him of his will undoubtedly cause him to crash again this season. His replies to the stream of questions directed at him at a press conference that reduced the other team personnel to virtual spectators provided all the answers.

I have to admit that I was bit nervous when I got back into the car last week," he said. "I was OK at first. but then I was standing next to the car putting on my Balaclava and my gloves and I suddenly realised all the mechanics had gone silent Usually, in Formula One, there is noise everywhere and a lot happening. but it was completely quiet.

"But then, when I sat in the cockpit and selected first gear and went out into the pit lane, I felt fantas-

amazing feeling.

life back again.

This is what I

Hakkinen has

love doing."

tic. I did not feel scared any more and that first lap back behind the wheel was so wonderful. When I shifted up through the gears, it felt so smooth. Braking for the corners. simple things

The first lap back behind the wheel was wonderful'

this warm feeling. It was as though I had my

grand prix, but is widely regarded as the possessor of the most raw speed in Forhe is even faster than Schumacher," Martin Brundle, his former colleague, said last week. His reputation was secured when he outqualified the late Ayrton Senna - who was his team-mate at the time - at this circuit in 1993,

Yet his career, which began at Lotus and has spanned 63 races, has also been bedevilled by lapses of concentration and a series of crashes. Hakkinen was entirely blameless in Adelaide where a puncture sent his car out of control, but he admitted yesterday that he was prepared for more crashes this season.

"You have to accept that, over the course of a normal season, you are going to spin a couple of times and maybe hit the wall," he said. "That is just the way motor racing is. You have to accept it is going to happen to you as well and you just hope it will not be a big one. You just have to make sure you are as fit as you can be so you are prepared for it. By the start of the season, I will be ready. I am going to Melbourne to

Leaders assert quality with stylish display

By Sydney Friskin

 SOUTHGATE played hockey of the highest class yesterday in scoring four goals without reply against Teddington to retain their position as leaders of the National League. It was not that Teddington played badly — they started well and fired several shots at goal but, in the end, could not match the home side's maturity and confidence. It was against the run of play

when, after 13 minutes, Shaw found the space to create the chance for Woods to open the scoring. Teddington's attempt to equalise was thwarted five minutes later by Cadman, the Southgate goalkeep er, who saved well from Wallis. A minute before the interval.

Waugh forced his way through on the right to score the second goal, and added another in the 59th minute shortly after Conway had missed another chance to put Teddington back into the game. Simon completed the scoring two

minutes from the end. By the end of the day, Cannock, Reading. Old Loughtonians and

Guildford were all hot on the heels of Southgate. Crutchley scored two goals for Cannock in a 7-1 away victory over St Albans, one from a short corner. Edwards added two more, also from short corners.

ian Jennings had a profitable day for Guildford, converting three short corners in a 5-2 home win over Havant. Old Loughtonians remained in the hunt with a 6-0 home victory over Hull, and Reading won 20 at home on Saturday against Hounslow, Osborn, from a short corner, and Mark Hoskin

scored in the first half.

Barford Tigers, who defeated
Bournville 24, lost Satinderpal Mann, who was sent off for a second offence in the 56th minute having been temporarily suspend-ed earlier for a tackle. Barford were later reduced to nine men, when Gurmukh Singh was suspended. St Albans, Hull and Stourport, the teams at the bottom of the table. face a fight to stay in the division.

Doncaster's win over Richmond pushed them to third place in the

second division.



Kerly, who is relishing his return to action at Richmond

The second secon

S can Kerly, the hook-billed predator, gold medal-win-ning hero of Seoul, the man with a better record than Gary Lineker — 109 international goals, 172 caps for England and Great Britain - returned to the English

hockey league at the weekend, at the age of 36, trying to help Richmond to get off the bottom of the second division.

In vain, for, unusually, he remained applies in a 41 house mained goalless in a 4-1 home defeat by Doncaster. "I think I might have done better in midfield rather than at forward," he said, though he did have a goal disal-lowed when the score was I-I.

He had already turned out for Richmond for a cup match, playing for ten minutes, laying one player out cold — "it was an accident, I feel awful about it" and, yes, scoring a goal. "I flicked it and it went in, totally unexpected,"

Or, to pot it another way, totally predictable; Kerly was the one who always scored all the goals. He did lots of dogged and hard-running team things, too, but anybody with litness and commitment could do them: and there were - are many hockey things that he cannot Simon Barnes on how hockey's great goalscorer

was tempted out of retirement for love of the game

"There were always a lot of people who were much better than me," he said. "Guys who can do that I should not be involved with me," he said. "Guys who can do fantastic things with the ball. There are a lot of things I can't do at all, but what I can do is do the very simple things when it really matters. Put a ball through a onefoot gap when it means the difference between an Olympic final and missing out. I can do

Kerly falls prey to Richmond's finishing line

Hitting the ball straight. It is the most basic skill in all ball games. Most people can do it, to some degree, but doing it at the magic moment, doing it when every element of the If test is called into being at once, that shows an appetite for crisis that few people can manage. In the past decade, England have had Lineker, An-

drew, Kerly.
I looked out for the falconine nose, thinking that by that I would recognise him, but it was the blazing falconine eyes that did the trick. He looks just the same as he did in the gilded year of 1988. "I did an interview for IBM once," he goals our speciality." Well, why

high-pressure situations." Let us think of an example of a

high-pressure situation. Say, Australia 2 Great Britain 2, three minutes left to play. Oh, and it is an Olympic semi-final, and Australia are favourites. How did Kerty manage to avoid the pressure? Simple, by completing his hat-trick: Kerly the raptor in jumper

Naturally enough, Kerly is not a millionaire television pundit. He is sales manager for Poole Pottery. I met him at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham where he had been spending the week talking up country-kitchen-type cups and saucers.

He has a wife and three children and he had given up hockey. really, for good, when Steven Batchefor, his old striking partner, gave him a call. "Why don't we resurrect the old firm? Batchelor and Kerly: creation and finishing.

not? Batchelor is coach at Richmond: Kerly went for a game. Well, Kerly played, with the result already mentioned, and then he went home - high as a kite. Oh. that terrible drug: sport. Team sport. "I've missed the team thing so much," Kerly said. "In business, people forget you are in it together and that you're supposed to he trying to achieve a joint goal; and that is a special side to achieving

something. Achieving it together."
Kerly never saw himself as the oddball individual in the greater team. He was just the one who took responsibility at those vital moments, those foot-wide gaps.

The joint goal.
So to Richmond. "I thought I'd be miles off the pace." he said.
"Playing with Steve again: all the little moves we got going, at Southgate, and internationally, It was a real pleasure to play with

him again." Addictive stuff, this sport. After all, there is nobody in the tabloids saying: "Come on Sean, hang up your boots the game's been good to you." He can just get on with it. There are times - mostly when the non-existent pay-day is long past when it really is quite good to be an

Frenchman's sparkle leaves Shearer and Cole in the shade

Cantona calls the tune for United

David Miller sees some striking contrasts in Manchester United's

1-0 defeat of Blackburn Rovers

t was possible to depart from Old Trafford on Saturday with little if any recollection of the respective contributions by Andy Cole or Alan Shearer. More than £10 million worth of goalscoring investment had singularly failed. The memory was, once more, of Eric Cantona.

To the extent that an average match revolved around any one figure, it was Manchester United's elegant. endlessly perceptive captain. It Jacquet, the France coach, can

Asprilla arrives .

even contemplate omitting Cantona from the finals of the European championship. Week by week, for his touch, his tactical intelligence and, occasionally, his finishing. Cantona must be one of the dozen most effective players in the world. His temperament has been, as far as I have seen. without blemish, while his vision, that abstract quality possessed to such a degree by only a handful of even great players, makes any match in which he plays worth he plays worth

Against Blackburn Rovers. the depleted champions who, their previous eight matches, he created, after a quarter of an hour, what proved to be the winning goal, by Lee Sharpe, and was involved in five of the seven other scoring chances in

Youri Djorkaeff, from Paris Saint-Germain - the son of Jean, who gained 48 caps -Cantona could form a potent force in the summer. It is a tactical conundrum that and which he will not unless he sees for himself. The range of Cantona's influence was at times reminiscent of Antonio Rattin, of Argentina, and I am not referring to smouldering

Apart from a spell of four goals in four matches around the turn of the year, Cole has continued to fall short of Alex Ferguson's expectations. The United manager obliquely re-ferred to this fact when talking afterwards of his side's results unnecessarily "coming down to the wire". Cole could have removed some of the doubt had he scored from a wellpositioned diving header close in, after a cross from Beckham, four minutes into

Blackburn, without Le Saux and, more significantly, Bohinen and Ripley, attempted to steal the points with their familiar pressure-tactics. often having nine or ten men behind the ball, a tactical disposition that left neither Giggs nor Shearer feeling comfortable.

Shearer, despite his 30 goals this season, which have made him the first player to pass the League, was made to feel more lonely by effective defence from Pallister — back after injury - and May, the deputy for Bruce, and by the persis tent beckling of the crowd of



Cole loses his footing after colliding with Gallacher during United's victory at Old Trafford on Saturday. Photograph: Ian Stewart:

preference for Jack Walker's

If Cole, at the other end, was a shade anaemic, so too was Giggs in midfield. Ferguson itted later to the dilenuma that he had faced before the game of whether to play the physically fragile Welshman none of George Best's unflinching courage here — in Giggs did produce occasional sent, four years on, Shearer's work and guile, but a reluc-

tance to challenge for even 60-40 balls now and then irritated an impatient crowd. The goal came as Cantona, from near the centre circle, floated a beautifully-judged pass over the heads of the Biackburn rearguard. Cole brushed past Hendry, made for goal and his shot was

the game was moving towards tackles at times threatened to mar the spirit of the match. Yet. it is a depressing aspect of so much of football today that spectators are no longer interested in the talents of the opposition, only in success for their own team.

Flowers had to head off the line as Hendry swept the ball off Cole's feet with an uninten-

with Giggs a minute later, cut. excitingly shot narrowly hind from an acute angle. On the stroke of half-time. Flowers saved well as Irwin drove for the top right-hand corner. . Early in the second half. Shearer, his frustration rising

in indirect proportion to the unnecessarily flung himself in pique at Schmeichel and was From then until half-time, Cantona, exchanging passes Blackburn's sterile perfor-

utes from time, Gudmundsson, on loan from Halmstad, in Sweden, might have levelled the score with a rising shot from 16 yards that flew just too high. MANCHESTER UNITED (4-1-1): Schmeichiel — D Rwin, D Mey, G Palliser Neville — D Beckhern, R Keens, R Giggs Sharpe — E Cartona — A Gole.

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BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T F

Chelsea fall for Whelan's favourite trick shot

Coventry City Chelsea ...

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WHEN the likes of David Seaman, Eike Immel and Kevin Hitchcock take the bait, in successive matches, and are rendered useless on the ground as the ball is chipped cheekily over them, it is perhaps the sign of a master craftsman at work. For Noel Whelan, the Coventry City striker, it is no more than a demonstration of the self-belief that prompted him to leave Elland Road for Highfield Road two months ago. Whelan, 21, could not find

ard Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, and started only six matches for him this season — yet he still com-manded a £2 million fee, suggesting that Wilkinson, who demanded it, and Ron Afkinson, the Coventry manager, who paid it, both real-ised the latent talent lurking

goals later. "Noel Who?" to the bemused Coventry supporters is now Noel Somebody; instantly recognisable and wor-thy of chanting his name in deferance, an England Under-ZI player who, in partnership with the admirable Dion Dublin, could rescue Coventry from the Endsleigh Insurance League horrors that might lie

in wait On Saturday, against a Chelsea side that had lost only once in 15 outings. Whelan supplied his trademark goal in the 44th minute. Richardson's incisive pass gave him a clear sight of Hitchcock - as he had of Seaman, of Arsenal. and the result was the same. Cool appraisal of the situation, split-second wait for the goal keeper to commit himself and then a delightful delivery into the net.

"It's worked three times for me and I suppose I'll have to acutely aware of the future implications of his actions. "I'll probably have to come up reotyped penalty-taker, he was aiready ahead of the game.

"It was an important result. one," he said. "I don't think we'll go down and it could even be the start of a good run

Whelan: enjoying

striking progress for us. The move from Leeds

came at the right time for me. It was a pure footballing decision and an easy one to

make in the circumstances.

Whelan is an awkward oft

2in, with an upright, strangely

aristocratic gait. Away from goal, it spells little danger,

apart from a few neat flicks;

closer in, he can appear lithe

For "strong tackles", read scything fouls. Alcock looked on benignly as

Frontzeck and City fall foul of official disapproval Footballers' Association and the De-"A bizarre decision," Alan Ball, the there was no penetration, nothing to



Home: fierce tackling went unpenalised

Manchester City ..

By PICTER BALL

THE thaw was well under way on Merseyside on Saturday, but a notice saying "Danger, thin ice" still stood beside the pond in Stanley Park. It might have been there for the benefit of Manchester City, who slipped back into the bottom three after a dire game overshadowed by absent forrigners and inept reference.
The decision to refuse Marc

Hottiger a work permit exercised a lot of minds last week and provoked considerable anger in the Everton

In defence of the Professional

partment of Employment, it is doubtful whether a good-ish Swiss full back would have made much difference to the game, or to Everton.

Most English full backs can hoist in high, hanging crosses from 40 yards away, which was the main Everton attacking ploy in the absence of Kanchelskis, and Jackson did a serviceable enough job, playing a significant part in the first goal. His cross was nodded back by Ferguson for Parkinson to head in.

However, if Kanchelskis was missed, how much more did City miss their Special K. In Kinkladze's absence, they at least tried to pass the ball, with Flittcroft the best player on view, and Clough showing some nice touches, but, without the Georgian,

disturb Everton.

It may be less glamorous in these days of Asprilla and Ginola, Bergkamp and Cantona, but Everton at least had Ferguson's height to create chaos every time that the ball was hoisted in. Sadly, they also offered the return of the dogs of war, the epithet used by Joe Royle, their manager, of his team last season. which brings us, more sadly still. to the contribution of Paul Alcock, the

One decision, to award a penalty against Symons for handball when the City defender was blatantly shoved in the back by Horne, may conversion, in the 51st minute, ending any chance of a City comeback. City manager said, choosing his words with care. It was not as bizarre as several

others, culminating in the dismissal of Frontzeck, the City defender, for two bookable offences — pulling Ferguson's shirt and blocking Limpar. At the end, Craig Short, the Everton defender, left in earnest conversation with Alcock. "I wasn't having a go at this

particular referee as we came off the nitch, but I felt I had to say something to him about the way the game is going." Short said. "I've seen eightplayers sent off in Everton games alone this season. Some players need protecting, but it's getting out of

The trouble is, though, that the

tors for Baseett's first game in-

nominal charge, a passionate

goal feast was anticipated.

wrongly as it turned out. The first 45 minutes were to enter-

taisument what Joan Collins is

to literature. The second half

livened up only when Pitcher was dismissed for a two-footed tackle on Hutchison.

Thereafter, Palace flung

themselves goalwards, but,

unfortunately for them, Alan Kelly, the Ireland interna-

tional, was in goal and Mick

McCarthy, the new Ireland

manager, was in the stands.

Bassett admitted that Uni-

ted needed a new manager

with fresh ideas. The contrast

between him and Howard Kendall, his successor, could

not have been more stark.

Kendali was morose, suspi-

cious and pessimistic. Bassett

was chirpy and relentlessly

good-natured despite the

clamour for interview after

interview. It will start all over

again this Saturday when Watford, another of his previ-

ous clubs, will be the visitors

One suspects that, if Basse

at Selhurst Park.

not getting it. "It is very hard learning how to play in England," Frontzeck said. Referees sometimes don't blow for strong tackles, but will give you a card for shirt-oulling."

Parkinson and Home crashed into tackles from behind, and Clough was laid flat with a malicious elbow in front of the referee. The seven 'yellow cards were produced for obstruction dissent and shirt-

MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-1-1): E Immel — N Summerbee, K. Cutte, K. Symone, M. Frontzock — M Brown (aud. G. Greeney, Asten), S. Lenner, G. Filtznott, M. Palifipe (sub.: H. Curm., -Smith) — N. Clough — U. Poster.

Spirit of optimism | Bassett solves chief concern lights up Blackpool

Wycombe Wanderers ... 0 Blackpool

BY IVO TENNANT

BLACKPOOL, the Seasiders; kitted out in tangerine peel and slipping up on banana skins. A club graced by Sir Stanley Matthews, Jimmy Armfield and Alan Ball before sliding into the obscurity of lowly divisions, never, seemingly, to come to the fore again. Until, perhaps, this, their centenary year.

The club stands in third place in the second division of the Endsleigh Insurance League. This is nothing much to set alongside the feats of the 1950s, but is riches indeed by comparison with the struggles of the past two decades, struggles that could not prevent relegation to the old fourth division for the first time in

Last week, Sam Allardyce, the manager, was able to persuade two individuals, from Liverpool and Tranmere, to join Blackpool for a month on loan. Both Charnock, on the left side of midfield, and Nixon, in goal, contributed to a well-merited victory over

Wycombe Wanderers. In Billy Bingham, Allardyce has a director of football with the kind of know-how to prevent Blackpool from failing to achieve promotion for a second season running. They were in a similar position last year before falling away in the second half of the season. Now, they are unbeaten in their past ten matches.

Allardyce took a chance on Saturday. He left out Ellis, scorer of II goals this season, the supporters' favourite and, Allardyce admitted, his own. Allardyce included, instead, Watson, a forward who is on a week-by-week contract. He scored the winning goal. Aslo, Blackpool were with-

out three established players in Brown, the assistant manager, Darton and Lydiase, all suspended, as well as Morrison, the captain, who was injured. Allardyce had to decide whether to include his own son, ultimately naming him among the substitutes. Watson's goal was hooked

in after Roberts, the Wycombe goalkeeper, had flailed at and missed a corner from Mellor in the 34th minute. Wycombe lacked the cohesion that their opponents, for all their changes, looked to possess. For once, it can be said that Blackpool have a future.

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS (3-5-2): B Roberts — J Cousins, T Evens, S Brown — J Rowbotham, K Ryen (sub D Fernell, 72min), D Carolt, G Patterson, M Bell — M De Souze, J Williams.

BLACKPOOL (4-4-2): E Necon — M Bryan, D Linghan, D Bredshaw, A Bartow — M Mellor, J Quinn (sub P Charmock, 76), M Bonner, R Holden — A Welson, A Presce

Crystal Palace Sheffield United

BY ALYSON RUDD

DAVE BASSETT did not even attempt to pick the side or choose the tactics. The new manager of Crystal Palace was far too busy, calculator and set square by his side, figuring out the management structure of the club. He discovered that there is Ron Noades, the hands-on chairman. Steve Coppell, the technical director. Ray Lew-ington, a first-team coach, Peter Nicholas, another firstteam coach, and himself, the

manager, It took all of Saturday for him to sort out the permutations, but, after stating that he always works closely with his staff, he eventually concluded: "At the end of the day, as the manager, I will have the final

It is a peculiar power structure and one suspects that nobody other than Bassett would have been comfortable joining it. However. Bassett worked in tandem with Noades at Wimbledon, where they steered the club from the Southern League to the old first division.

When Bassett, 52, is not performing miracles — he also took Sheffield United into the first division - he is making horrendous errors. He lasted only three days

when he last took the reins at Selhurst Park, in 1984, his six months at Watford were fraught with problems and Sheffield were twice relegated

Nevertheless, he is probably what Palace need. They are a nervy side who find it difficult to cope with the pressure of a home fixture. They were not exactly inspired by his arrival, particularly as he had little to do with them for this Endsleigh Insurance League first division match, but they occasionally hoofed the ball upfield believ-ing that that might be what the new manager wanted. It is not what he wants and it 'irks" him that he is so closely associated with long-ball



Bassett good-natured

can keep the chiefs organised. the Indians will come along

CRYSTAL PMLACE (5.3-2) M Marten — M Edworth, D Gordon, A Roberts, G Davles, S Rodger — B Dyer, R Houghan, D Pacher, O Theorem I stab. J Vincest, G Smell, G Taylor (sab. G Holds), Shrani, B HEFFELD UNITED (4-4-2), A Kothy — C Shot, R Missen, M Vorte, M Ward — D Missel, G Covern, M Peterston, D Missel, G Covern, M Peterston, D — D Misselmane (sab. D Hodgson, SQ) — D Misselmane (sab. D Hodgson, SQ) — D Misselmane (sab. D Hodgson, SQ) — D Misselmane (sab. D Hodgson, SQ)

Branfoot ignores craven calls to go

Hartlepool United ...

BY KERTH PIKE

HE HAS heard the abuse, read the threats and done the honourable thing before, but it cannot be any easier second time around. There may have been higher-profile casualties of "supporter-power" than lan Branfoot, but none, surely, who has twice had to withstand such sustained and unacceptable hostility.

With Pulham hovering precariously in a two-pronged battle for survival -- first as a member of the Endsleigh Insurance League, second as a football club at all - what Branfoot needs most is a thick cheque book. His only weapon, though, is a thick skin. It saw him through another fraught afternoon on Saturday with dignity and job

Available from an official programme seller, ontside Craven Cottage was a crude, photocopied letter advising Branfoot to leave now while you still can and which, echoing the disgraceful Southampton famine that advocated Branfoot's departure from The Dell three years ago, declared: "We also hope you die soon." The manager, the authors claimed, Thasn't got

Branfoot was stoical, but he could not fully disguise his disgust at those who were foul-mouthed, ignorant and a disgrace to a club who have long warranted and treasured an image of friendliness".

. Branfoot is not about to quit on a club at the lowest point in its history, in terms of morale as well as league position. "We are fit, we are organised and we are good enough to survive." he said. "Of course we can turn it round. It is a matter of getting through these dark

If only his team had been as defiant. Fulham, 20 up with 12 minutes to go and within reach of a deserved, rare and desperately needed victory. caved in to allow Hartlepool United to draw and two third division points to float off down the Thames. Allon was twice left unmarked to score with headers after Barber, with a deflected shot, and Blake had rewarded Fulham's more creative approach-play. Dark days indeed.

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RULHAM (4-4-2): A Lange — D Juop (sub:
R Hamil, 72min), M Bleve, K Moore, R
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P Babor — M Concy, R Scott.

HARTLEPOOL, UNITED (3-5-2): B Home
— P Bibrg, D Ingram, I McGuckin — S
Reddish, M Tar, K Houchen, S Howard, S
McAuley — J Allon, S Halliday (sub: K
Oliver, Sa)
Referee; S Barriell.

the courage to resign." Nei-ther, incidentally, had they the courage to reveal their

or lethargic, yet is frequently lethal, striking swiftly or with almost casual aplomb. Coventry should have crushed Chelsea. "No complaints," Glenn Hoddle, the Cheisea manager, said refreshingly avoiding lame excuses or complaints that defy rational explanation. They were the better side."

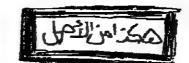
Hoddle's solitary lament, that the pitch did not suit his players' free-flowing style and possessed enough divots to grace St Andrews — the home of golf, not Birmingham City was fair enough. Yet Coventry adapted the better and, had not Shaw, Ndlovu. Salako, Whelan, Busst and Williams squandered chances aplenty, they would have won

at a canter. For once, Guilit played only a limited role. The significantlesser-known eclipsed everybody with a repetitive finish that might eventually need replacing, but one that will always be a joy to behold.

COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): S Ographic — A Pickering, D Busst, R Shew, B Borroes — J Salako, P Teller, K Richardson, P Ndlovu (sub: P Williams, 77min) — N Wheten, D Dublin, Dubin.

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CHEJSEA (3-4-2-1): K Hischcock. — R Sinchir (sub: E Johnson: 75). D Les. S Clarks — D Potrecou, R Guille, E Newton, T Phelan — G Pascock, J Spencer (sub: D Wise, Sa). — P Furiory.



Wright and Fowler provide lesson in finishing to Queens Park Rangers' strikers

Liverpool maintain dogged title pursuit

Liverpool

BY ANDREW LONGMORE :

AT THE turn of the year, the smart money was on Liver-pool to push Newcastle United all the way to the line. It has not turned out that way yet though goals by Mark Wright and Robbie Fowler in the first half pushed Liverpool to within two points of Manchester United in second place in the FA Carling Premiership and added to the woes of Queens Park Rangers, still firmly root-ed one off the bottom of the table and with time running out in their struggle to escape

relegation. This was a cameo of Liverpool's season, by turns commanding and complacent, cultured and clodhopping. They had the game won by half-time, but sat back and, if Rangers' strikers had shown more composure, could have paid more dearly than the single goal scored by Dichio. Ultimately, the end could not

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come too soon for an unusually harrassed Liverpool. It had all been so different at the

If the old saying "too good to go down" does not apply to Rangers, "too young to stay up" just might. Where a little fire and brimstone was needed, there was, instead, typical to the philosophy of Ray Wilkins, their manager, some elegance and a good deal of neat passing. There was just nobody with confidence to add the finishing touch.

It could all have been so different if Gallen had not sourned two excellent chances in the first half, the first inside two minutes. After the lanky Dichio had robbed Jones down the right and pulled the ball back straight into Gallen's stride, the little Rangers striker cannoned his shot The rebound went straight to Quashie, but his ferocious shot was deflected away from

When teams are in the had barely woken up at this



Wright drives home Liverpool's opening goal as Queens Park Rangers' problems at the foot of the Premiership m

- indeed, Barnes appeared wearing a pair of white boots, which looked suspi-ciously like trainers or carpet slippers — but gradually they their thoughts and themselves. Their straight from the five a side training pitch, and it seemed they would get the measure of their lightweight opponents. Collymore had already enjoyed one sortie at goal — his right-foot shot clipping the top of the crossbar after ten min-

just after the quarter-of-anhour mark. To Rangers' diamay, there was an inevitable touch of misfortune about it. A long-range shot by McAteer had been blocked, a follow-up attempt by Scales struck another home defender and the ball fell straight into the path of

and gleefully ham-

utes - before they went ahead

well into their established rhythm, with Barnes picking up tall the loose ends, Collymore and Powler working the channels and McManaman scampering the channels and

through the gaps down the middle—yet their second goal was pure long ball. From a throw by James, Collymore took one look and clipped an inch-perfect left-foot pass that split the Rangers central desence and gave Fowler the relatively simple task of beating Sommer. That he did so without his normal panache mattered little it was his 24th goal of the season.

To their credit, Rangers kept trying to play and Gallen should have done much better when five yards out and presented with a free header. instead of bringing Rangers back into the game, though, he headed well over indeed Fowler should have punished

McAteer's cross flashed wide

After that, the game became a simple matter of to-have-and-to-hold, of which Liverpool were once the past masters of the art. Rangers passed and moved; Liverpool did it that fraction better. The only dangers to their

domination were complacency and a habit of passing the ball for the sake of it, which has betrayed them once or twice this season. There was even a touch of the "after yous" about match. In the 65th minute after their most spirited spell, Dichio was allowed time and space aplenty to line up a shot from 20 yards, which took a wicked deflection off Scales and slid past James. Some good luck had visited the relegation strugglers at

For a moment, Liverpool

manding performance at the heart of the Liverpool defence must have caught the eye of Terry Venables, the watching England coach, the damage might have been more perma nent. Twice, an equaliser beckoned, but Dichio and

with only the goalkeeper to Redknapp's introduction for the first time since he injured a groin muscle playing for England in early November came

Sinclair blasted high and wide

not a moment too soon. The trick seemed to work. Redknapp's first touch almost put the game beyond doubt and, under his driving from midfield, Liverpool retained their composure and at least kept Newcastle within tele-

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Emphatic _f win puts England in prime position

THE England women's teamy apenhanced their chances of train qualifying for the Europeanillion championship finals with dayer! convincing 5-0 victory against pre-Portugal in Benavente, neantion, Lisbon, yesterday. The wine to puts England top of the group ould on goal difference above Italy joing and has effectively turned the pool into a two-horse race, they with only the winners auto-ainst matically qualifying for the that

England travelled to Portu-I has gal on Thursday in high end spirits after a morale-boosting tantraining session with Don no. Howe, the first time that the rted England coaching co-ordina-g as tor has been involved in their out preparations. Whatever his arn words of wisdom, they worked reek wonders on the team who the silenced a partisan growd of 4,000 with a dominant display nan

that restricted Portugal to just terone real chance, late in the om By that stage. England were n a two up. In the 25th minute, bly Kerry Davis won a challenge Do

on the edge of the area and ers laid the ball back for Hope em Powell, who fired a shot low to usthe goalkeeper's left. Gillian Coultard, making ers her 88th appearance, set up ne,

the second goal when her s. short free kick released Kelly to Smith, who crossed for Karen ac-Farley to score for the eighth but time in nine internationals. In the 48th minute, Coultard ed finished off a move, orches-ild trated by Sian Williams in lemidfield, with a curling effort le. that dipped into the net us

their most astonishing. Marie-Anne Caterall, at 16, the squad's youngest player, h came on as substitute for is Kerry Davis on the hour. She h had been on the pitch for just !at 30 seconds when the ball'r broke loose and she nodded it lu home to mark her debut in a

England's fourth goal was is,

Karen Burke capped a fine, s display in midfield with England's fifth goal in the final minute, prompting Ted Copeland, the manager, to say: "I'm delighted with the way we played. It leaves us in pole position with the match against Italy likely to decide top position."

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Clark's honest endeavour tails to stop Bergkamp felling Forest

Nottingham Forest......0

BY PAT GIBSON

FRANK CLARK, the Nottingham Forest manager, is too decent a man to insult the Football Association by saying that he would turn down the England job when he has not even been offered it, but he has made it fairly clear privately. that he has no intention of swapping his relatively comiortable chair at the City Ground for a bed of nails at

More is the pity. Quite apart from his coaching skills, Eng-lish football could benefit from stupid enough to be sent off.

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Clark could have pointed to the fact that Forest are badly

instead, he admitted that he was concerned about a performance that does not august well for their FA Cup fourthround replay away to Oxford United tomorrow, let alone their Uefa Cup quarter-final against Bayern Munich next mouth. "We did not do well enough," he said bluntly. "We did not show enough wit; invention, quality, whatever you want to call it. We did not create enough chances to win. and some very poor defending

cost us the game." . As for Lee, who had been booked ten minutes after he had taken the field for his reaction to a tackle by Keown. and sent off two minutes later for striking Linighan in the face. Clark said: "He has got into a habit, for whatever reason, of flailing his arms

"He got sent off for the same

Not that Lee's dismissal made any difference to the outcome. Arsenal, still without Adams and Bould in defence and Platt and Parlour in midfield, had already won the match by unashamedly adopt-



and victory was Wednesday's.
"If we hadn't won, it would

have been all catastrophe and

disaster for us in the papers," Pleat said. "We had a lot of

counter-attacking game.

minutes, but the wit, invention and quality that Forest were missing was encapsulated in the decisive goal, on the hour. As Chettle failed to control a difficult bouncing ball. Berg-kamp deftly flicked it over his shoulder to Wright before darting through the middle to take the return pass and poke it past Crossley with the Forest defence appealing for offside. "Poor defending," Clark said. "We lost the ball in a

dangerous area and then tried to play offside when it was never on." Arsenal, however, will not worry about that. It gave them just the lift they needed before the first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final against Aston Villa III Highbury on Wednesday.

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times today. I think he crossed the line between genuinely being dismissed only 13 minusing his aims to jump for the utes after he entered the fray It made for a scrappy 90 as a substitute. He did neither. ball, which a lot of people do, and being reckless with it."

the refreshing honesty of a manager who makes no excuses after his side has lost an unbeaten home record stretching back 12 months and 26 matches and does not try to defend a player who has been

missing the influence of thing in the reserves two Pearce, their injured captain, weeks ago and he could have

Wednesday win drab winter's tale

winter's afternoon in Sheffield, it was wholly appropriate to dream of a summer to come. In just 115 players were caught offside as they sauntered back — they might once have faced a days, Hillsborough will host its first Euro 96 match when Denmark meet Portugal. If the combined talents of those ountries can summon medi-

crity. it will be a distinct provement on this fare. Both Sheffield Wednesday d Wimbledon are uncomtably close to the relegation - although Wednesday's vin lifted their worries a - but this hardly exoner THE two teams who conspired but thannt themselves. They Confeed the ball sideways and Encourards, fearful of enjoy-

surprise company for longer Trophy aree seconds. are the days when a avoided in Wimbledon was an to be dreaded. Their Saturday is more solicitous and sionate, and their r toil diminished. In

Mark Hodkinson dreams of Euro 96 after a day in the basement of the Premiership

week's circuit training for Wimbledon defended poor-

ly against an uneven trio of forwards who often made the same barren runs in triplicate. Amazingly, Wednesday stumbled upon four gilded firstgoal-scoring opportunities and squandered each.

The game looked scripted for a shifty Wimbledon win until Degryse found some order and that past Sullivan. The goal heralded a bout of ating tactical manoeuvies as five substitutes were introduced in the final 40 minutes. The strategem of Joe goal attempts and, I'd say, Kinnear, the Wimbledon about 70 per cent of the play."

manager, was the more employed with his phatic as he sent on Eucli and team had played with too nt four of their

much anxiety. "Pear crept into it, but you should never fear winning football matches," he said. "It sometimes shows a lack of confidence when you shoot too early and my lads did that a few times."

Wednesday defence. Wombledon's brief flintation He was pleased to have given a debut, albeit of just six with enterprise was rewarded when Gayle crashed home a minutes, to Mark Platts, 16, an fine pass from Holdsworth. Wimbledon sensed their first tional. "I was so pleased to have got Platts onto the field," he said. "We'll rain him, us win of the season outside London, but David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, proved coaches. We min everyone the greater tactician Waddle, who had spent the afternoon either being caught in possession or providing sublime passes, placed a free kick onto the head of Watts, a substitute. He headed home

The joke was well inten-fioned, but, on a day when we had seen fitness above finesse. and almost nothing in the way of natural expression, Pleat's comic thring could not have been more awiy.

Giggs, Cole and Cantona won't just have Fergie on their backs for the next six years. They'll also have Umbro kit. That's because we've just agreed a new deal with Manchester United which will make Umbro official sportswear suppliers until the year 2002. Looks like

another big-name signing for Fergie. UMBRO

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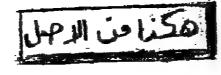
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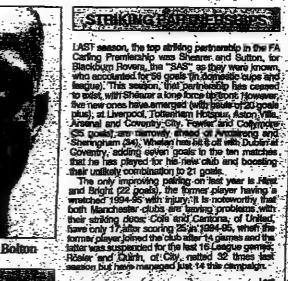
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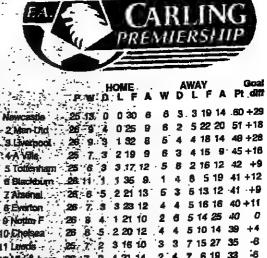
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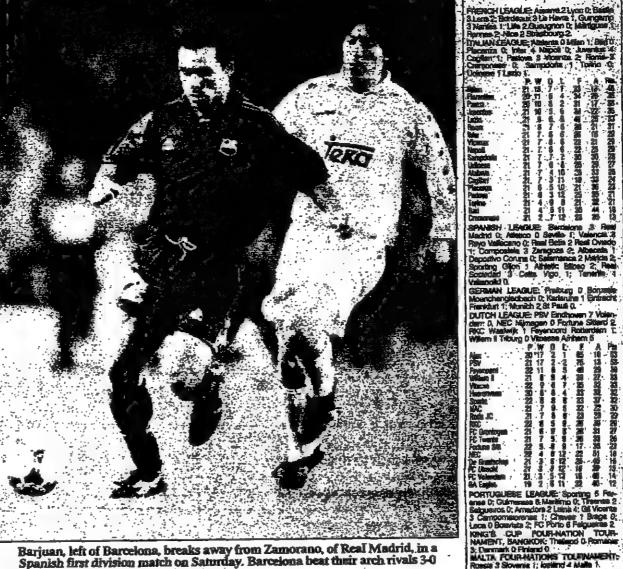
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Gambler Keegan stakes claim for title



Simon Barnes sees Newcastle's Colombian import inspire a 2-1 victory over Middlesbrough

Keegan does not fan-cy the England job. The traditional way to win a eague championship is to hang tough in February and March: as weariness creeps in, to acquire the precious, point-gathering art of playing badly and winning.

Not Keegan, not Newcastle United. His response to hearing the distant sound of suing feet was to spend £7.5 million and buy one of the greatest and most exciting players on the world stage. Faustino Asprilla more or

less exploded into English football on Saturday, winning a match that looked lost and, at a guess, acting as the catalyst for the final transmutation of Newcastle into

it is not that the vast resources at his disposal make Keegan's job as Newcastle manager easy; but they do offer him unparalleled opportunity to dare. Keegan is a restless soul who loves to gamble, so he went for this

Colombian play-

er, a man with an

equivocal reputation, ready, almost eager, to face colossal amounts of hostile criticism. Then the chance to see the gamble begin to come off. What other job in English football could offer

Keegan is a gambler all right, always seeking to put his reputation on the line. His sale of Andy Cole, the Newcastle love object, proved that last season. The introduction of Asprilla is but further confirmation of Keegan ascompulsive high roller. He got Asprilla's work per-

mit through on Friday and flew the player in by private-jet on Saturday morning. Asp-rilla arrived at Ham. Keegan offered him lunch; he said that he would take just a glass of wine. What better prematch meal?

Keegan's instinct was to play him, but the lack of match fitness, plus Asprilla's admission that he had received a knock in training in the week, put him on the bench. Well, why not? It was more dramatic that way.

Middlesbrough set So about winning the game, set about putting their gloomy sequence of six successive defeats behind them. Barmby and Juninho ran and ran at Newcastle, causing them all kinds of problems. Juninho, the Brazilian - what is hap-pening to English football, excellence or something? was in inspired form, scuttling dizzyingly all over the

His cross should have been put away by Wilkinson, but, instead, Beresford saved him the trouble with an own goal. Barmby had three chances to make it 2-0, but, alas, he had forgotten how to score. So, as Middlesbrough played with seven men behind

Asprilla.

'Asprilla exploded into English

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was brave about the decisison, Keegan said.
"Nothing else I could do. I this guy can spark us off, and he was champing at the

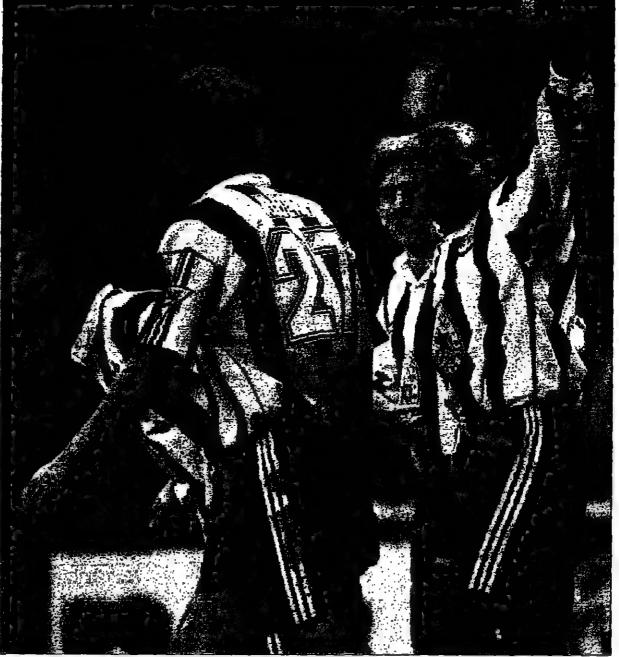
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eyeing the skills of English defenders. It was a nice constrast in South Americans: Juninho is all scuttle and bustle, Asprilla is the more traditionally languid model. He showed that he has quite exceptional skills and the strength to exploit

The way that he set up the equaliser was one of those little vignettes of perfection that you get in football from time to time. Vickers, its victim, did not appreciate it. Nor did Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, who muttered in his managerly way about allow-ing Asprilla the extra yard of

Tushi If Vickers had been tighter on him, Asprilla would have bearen him with a different trick, and Robson would have told us that Vickers should have stood



Asprilla points the way ahead for Newcastle supporters after turning the tide against Middlesbrough

As it was, Asprilla dragged him one way, then the other, and then, in the most nonchalant way in the world, flicked a short, measured cross for Watson to nod home.

Asprilla continued to cause dismay in the Middlesbrough fence, and it was his tactics that allowed Beardsley to intercept and feed Ferdinand.

Ferdinand did not hit the chance cleanly; had he done so. Welsh would probably have saved it. He was beaten,

Walter

as cricketers say, by the lack of pace, diving over the ball in t way that brought to mind Gary Sprake. The error looked worse than it was, but it was enough to do for Middlesbrough.

"I won't tell him where to play," Keegan said, happily smashing the manager's myth of total control. "I'll just ay: 'Do your thing, and we'll

We'll just light the blue touch-paper and let him get on with it. He is the sort of

player who will flourish at this club - a free spirit."

Asprilla had a lovely aftermoon. Above all, he looked as he wanted to play, rather than to collect cheques. Purthermore, he is only 26, far from an Italian league cast-

How long will he last? The European Cup beckons Newcastle next season: a factor that was surely of no little significance in

That, and an affinity for the manager - a shared gambler's instinct - a shared feeling that free spirits go out and seize their moment rather than lurk about with seven

men behind the ball, waiting

for it to come.

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Bolton about to bow out ungracefully

Bolton Wanderers 0 Aston Villa2

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

BOLTON Wanderers will leave the Premiership in two months, taking with them a few memories and a thousand curses. Their supporters may console themselves, as others have done before them, with the knowledge that ambition outstripped the team's grasp. For the players and Colin Todd, the manager, the disappointment will be sharper.

Despite spending a small fortune on strengthening the team that won promotion last spring. Bolton cannot score goals at this level, and let in soft ones. Branagan, a fine goalkeeper who had another notable game on Saturday, is entitled to wonder what goes through the minds of the men who are supposed to protect him. Curcic, the dazzling Serb midfield player, could also be escuent.

This was a two-goal drubbing. Villa scored once in each half through Yorke, and should have doubled their score at the very least. Yorke, Draper and Milosevic might each have scored a hat-trick but for Branagan, and Johnson hit a post. Their mastery was complete and a clever little side is taking shape, a side clever enough to win a cup and maybe the Cup.

At the end of a week when overseas players hogged the headlines, it is wise to recall Sir Thomas Beecham's famous words about foreign conductors. "Why do we bother to import so many third-raters," he asked, giving the pot a mischievous stir, "when we have so many second-raters of

Brolin cannot get in the Leeds United team. Hottiger left Newcastle United because he was a fringe player and Silenzi has had barely a lookin at Nottingham Forest. Sneekes, the Dutchman who plays in Bolton's midfield, is not obviously better than a dozen native-born players. As for de Freitas, a clumsy strik-er, the prudent shopper could buy two of his sort in the January sales and still get change from a tenner.

Then, there is the homegrown inadequate. Bolton United for £1 million, and he has yet to score in nine pearance, he appears to train on a lard diet. Think: a million pounds for a moderate player! In their desperation to preserve status and reputation. football clubs continue to throw away money that would keep a regional theatre going

At such times, when they imagine the world is against them, managers believe that everything is a conspiracy. You might think that Todd has more urgent matters to amend than the "appalling" standards of refereeing, but no. "It's time they were sorted out," he said. Fine. So long as he and his kind also "sort out" the duff players, who earn thousands of pounds a week and still do not understand the laws of the game.

Why should a linesman endure the sort of ear-battering that one got here from Staunton — a volley of abuse that lasted 20 seconds from a player who could not possibly know that he was right? Do managers haul their players in after a match and tell them such behaviour is inexcusable? Of course not referees are incompetent, players merely passionate. The game,

meanwhile, goes to the dogs. There is one easy way to improve standards of refereeing: send former players out with the whistle. In cricket, no sooner have players retired than they are back on the field in white coats, putting something back into the game. Rugby men devote lives to this difficult job, but football, alas, does not inspire the same loyalty to the game.

Partisanship is all, on both sides of the fence. The Villa supporters began the match with a levatorial chant about the run-down state of Burnden Park. Of course, when you come from the most beautiful city in Europe, it must be terribly irksome to visit less distinguished places.

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): h Branagen — S Green, G Bergeton (sub: / Thompson, SSimmi, C Ferchagh, J Philipp — R Sneekers, A Stube, S Curror, S Seibr (J McGlinby, 70) — F de Freitus, N Stake

Rangers reliant on Gascoigne conquering the enemy within

Paul Gascoigne keeps trip-ping over his temperament. The England midfield player fell twice in quick succession on Saturday. The first stum-ble was landable, a testimony to his craft, as he induced the foul by Chris McCart for which his team received a penalty. It was converted by Ally McCoist and secured a 3-2 win over Motherwell in the Bell's Scottish League premier division match at Ibrox. Almost immediately after being floored, though, Gascoigne was to let himself

He picked himself op and, gloating over his success. shouted at McCart and waved a fist in his face. Willie Young, the referee, quite properly booked Gascoigne for his boorishness. The player was fortunate that a gesture with his middle finger earlier in the game went undetected. The Scottish FA has already written to Rangers regarding Gascoigne's excesses. One sometimes wonders if the Englishman's prodigious earnings are being supple-mented by a research grant.

He has a fertile mind when it comes to indiscipline and seems to be exploring fresh ways of collecting bookings. On occasion, Gascoigne has been a victim of humourless officialdom. During the match with Hibermian in December, the player picked up a yellow card that had failen from the referee's pocket and wasged it at Douglas Smith.

BY KEITH PIKE

hat the heavy artillery of the Vaushall Conference remains largely unscathed. Encouraged or alerted by Woking's surprise elimination from the FA Umbro

Trophy, which they had won for the past

two seasons, their Conference colleagues

avoided any large-scale repeat of the

embarrassment in the second round on

There were some casualties, among

THE standard-bearers may have fallen.

KEVIN **McCARRA**



Scottish commentary

wholesome celebrations after one of the two goals merely because he stepped off the pitch before indulging in them. By and large, however, Gascoigne has not been

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Referees can be intolerant of his high spirits, but they have, at times, been lenient over the high elbows with

coigne should not, on balance, complain about his disciplinary record. It is a reasonably accurate index of his conduct. He has now been booked in wronged since joining Rangeach of the two matches after his suspension.

Gascoigne is usually guilty of indiscretion rather than cynicism, and one can barely imagine him felling an oppo-nent with a callous tackle. It which he has been known to



Gascoigne shows his aggressive style against Motherwell

them Altrincham, twice winners, but, on a day when every he produced a decisive result, seven Conference sides got through to the last 16. Few will look

beyond them for the eventual Wembley

For Macelesfield Town and Stevenage

Borough, the prospect of a Conference

and Trophy double remains alive. Both

capitalised on home advantage with 2-1

victories. Macclesfield accounting for

Purilect - shock previous conquerors of

Rushden and Diamonds - and

Stevenage heating Burton Albion thanks four Hyde goals in the first half.

offences are always so glar-ingly avoidable. The wait for Gascoigne, 28, to achieve ma-turity has been a long vigil and perhaps it never will be rewarded. The degree of frusnate that Smith. the Rangers tration for his coaches has manager. should have always risen with the level of termed the performance from the Englishman. Accordingly, Smith ment of the must, at present, be consumed player "ludi-crous". Gasyears of grave injury, Gascoigne is once more a vital figure who can determine the

> Without him, Rangers lost 3-0 at home to Heart of Midlothian last month because, industriously though they pressed forward, there was never the invention to disturb the composure that saw the visitors counter-attack so adroitly. On Saturday, Gascoigne always looked capable of raising the game to a level beyond the reach of

haps, a championship.

adventurous Motherwell. While Gascoigne concocted victory, Celtic, at Brockville. recorded a second successive palless draw in away games. Tommy Burns's team is not quite so capable as Rangers of producing the explosive mo-ment that breaks a deadlock. That fact is announced by the figures - Rangers have scored 15 goals more than Celtic in the league.

The three-point lead held by the Ibrox club can scarcely be decisive, given Celtic's bounding improvement this season. remaining in front over the next three months will be

senior clubs.



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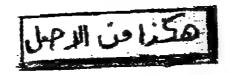
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Beth Kelsall, left of Nottingham, takes a shot as Jess Garland, of Avon, defends in the school netball championships at Rochester. Report: page 37

BIATHLON RU-HPOLDING, Germany: World-Championships: Man (4 x 7 Skm relay) 1; Russin (V Meigurov, V Drachav, 8 Tesseov, A Kobelev) 1st Teshan SU-Beut, 2; Germany 1,20,508; 3; Belorusen 122,558; 4. Norusty 1,21,508; 5; France 1,22,21,5; 6; Finland 1,22,427; 20 Great British 1,22,427; 20 Great British 1,22,427; 20 Great British 1,22,427; 4. Women (4 x 7,5km relay); 5; Germany 4,1 Disi, 3 Greater-Patter-Manney, K Apal, P Behiel 1,33,59,8; 2; France 1,26,58,1; 5; Russin 1,36,48,1; 4, Norusey 1,26,58,1; 5; Russin 1,36,48,1; 4, Norusey 1,26,58,1; 5; Russin 1,37,10,7; 6; Belorussia 1,37,59,7. ICE HOCKEY

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ST MORTE: World Currier Double: 1, S Krause and J Behrandt (der) (50.963, 51.031) 1min 41.894esc; 2, C Thorps, G Sheer (LS) 61.017 112.158, 3, G Residente (M. 61.463, 61.017) 112.158, 3, G

NORDIC SKIING

FILE PERSONAL STATES With Color West, (1987); 1, A. Protauchov, (Pams) 3/min 24-5ee; 2. V Brotavov (Kard 37/521; 3, B. Daeblie Hier) 37/521; 4, B. Daeblie BYDots; 2, Symmov 731; 3, B. Farmer (D. 392; 4, Protauracy 396; 5, V becombine (Fird) 393; 6, 7 Alegaand (Nor) 296. Farmer (Fig. 393; 6, 2 Alegaand (Nor) 296. Teamer; (Norwey 2398; 2, Andread 35/63; 5, May 1404; Women (100m); 1, M. d. Carla (1029); 2, L. Lazariner (Flues 221/12); 5, M. d. Martinen (Nor) 29/58; 5, Y. Vesible (Flues), 28/55; 6, A. Mosn-Guiden (Nor) 29/59; 6, Woold Carp standarge; 1, Vesible 746; 2, D1 Carla 575; 3, L. Egorvie (Flues), 366; 4, Lazarine 492; 6, 5 Gelmander (I) 461; 6, N. Cavity, (Flues), 467.

CHADL-MEUNE, France: Combined: World Cup: 1, Xen) Dipleare (Japan) (els lumping 259pts, cross-country 45min 18.50sed; 2, K. T. Apetend (Not) (244, 454.7.0) S. H. Bland (Not) (256, 4823.10); 4. J. Mardite (Fin) (246,5, 4825.90); 5, S. Calleure (50; 218, 44.04.60); 5, F. Guy (Fr) (215.5, 44.35.70). World Cup standings: 4 Apetend 690pts; 2, Ogieste 650; 3, Mardite 701; 4, F. B. Lundberg (Not), 529; 5, Standings; 6, Guilleurne 487.

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2.30 1. Aragon Ayr (8-4 fe/); 2. Noctorm Wonder (3-1); 3. Vierdot (7-4): 8 ran. 3.05 1, Conchella (6-4); 2, Pana (11-8 tav); 3, Society Girl (5-1), 6 ran, 3.35 1, Secret Spring (11-4 lav), 2, Easy Choice (7-1); 3, Duke Velentino (4-1), 11 ran 3.00 1, Mejor Bell (5-2 ji-lav); 2, Golden Flodle (12-1); 3, Phelaigh Bolids (7-1). McGregor The Third 5-2 ji-lav, 9 ran NF: Purken. 4.05.1, Sharp N Smart (11-1); 2, Income 44.5.1, Sharp N Smart (11-1); 2, No Kin-B (11-1); 4; Yo Kin-B (11-1); 4; You K

SOUTHWELL 4.30 1, Busichibite (4-1); 2, Stean The Cash (5-2 las); 3, Rechael's Owen (11-1). 11 ran. LINGFIELD PARK 2.05 1, Weltern (20-1); 2, Carrolle Marc (9-4 test; 3, Milhopate (7-2), 13 am.
2.95 1, Simply Katle (4-5 text; 2, Matternation (5-1); 3, Arak-Pu (6-1), 4 pm

1.15 1, Noble Canonire (9-2); 2, Greek Gold (15-2); 8, Trumble (5-1). Exclusion 7-2 fav. 11 ran.
1.45 1. Principal Boy (8-2); 2. Cheerlul Groom (14-1), 3, Morate (5-1). Hi Rock 11-10 lav. 3 am.
2.15 1, Savestu (8-1); 2, Sh. Clerte (7-4), 3, in The Bend (11-8 lav); 3 ran.
2.45 1, Second Colours (7-2), 2. Principal Boy (8-4 lav); 3. Chemin Denoir (8-1), 5 ran.
3.15 1, Sanse CF Pdortly (4-1); 2. See Devil (8-4 lav); 3. Sh Tassies (8-2) 7 ran.
3.45 ?, Greenspan (13-1); 2. Mersal-asaryfim (8-4 fav); 3. Heavesm (12-1), 12 an NRT Nijmegen; Island Jewel; 4.15 1, MacSita (18-0); 2. Adabatho (5-1); 3. Genesis Four (9-2) Remedim 5-2 lav. 10 ran.
4.45 1, Denoiring Stour (10-1); 2. Sweet Male (3-1 lav); 3. Zahan (6-1); 19 ran.
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TODAY FOOTBALL

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Tennents Scottish Cup

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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION:
First division: Brighton v Swindon (2 0),
Bristol Rovers v Queens Park Rangers.
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7 (I), Milwail v Tottenham (7 0) PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE First division: Birmingham City v Blackburn (7.0) Second division: Bradford v Lercester (7.0), Mensfield v Huddersfield (7.0), Presion v Port Valle (7.0) NORTH WEST COUNTRES LEAGUE: FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round proper:

RUGBY UNION and weigh Paya' Navy v Devon sat Rectory Phymouth, 7:30)

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Classic Cota Cup Sent-inal first leg Berningham v London (7:30) BOWLS, Churchill Insurance world indoor RACING: Hereford (2.0) Plumpton (1.50), Southwell (AY), 2.16)

TOMORROW FOOTBALL. FA CUP Fourth round, Iganical v Wakaal (7.45) Fourth round replays: Wimbledon v Middlestrough (7.45) Orderd United v Notingham Forest (7.45) Creme v Southernston

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division: Sheffield United v Mithwell (7.45).
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division: Motherweit v Aberdem (7 45). First division: Ross County v Livingston
Tennent'S SCOTTISH CUP: Third
round: Greenock Morion v Montrose

RUGBY UNION Kick-off 70 unless stated TOUR MATCH: Newcastle v New South Wales (730) CLUB MATCHES: Cardill v Swansea. Narcytlyfon v Maesteg Porcycos. Penasth, South Wales Police v Portygas OTHER SPORT

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BSLL'S SCOTTISM LEAGUE: Third division: Cowdenbeath v Langston. RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCH: Oxford Lieuway v Chicago

OTHER SPORT BASIGETBALL Classe Cots Cop Semi-finals second larg Sheffeld a Chysial Polace (8 II), London v Britang and Commonwealth BOXING: European and Commonwealth leatherweight champoniships Bully Handy (Sunderland, holder) v Michael Al-St (Classife) (Crossee Lassie Corte, Sunderland) Comment Comments Contained Water Teamporships (Presisting)
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round: Clyde v Rangers (8 fg)

RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH: Coverby v New South OTHER SPORT OTHER SPORT
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PivE NATIONS CHAMPRONSHEP, France v Ireland (at Parc des Princes, 2,0), Wales v Scodend-(at Cardiff Arms Park, 3,0), COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPRONSHIP-Birst division: Baith v Waspe (3,0), Gloucester v Orsel (3,0); Lelcester v West Hardispool (3,0); Saite v Brastol (5,0), Saraceris v Hartequers Secund division: London Israel v Notingbarn (3,0), London Scottesh v Notingbarn (3,0), London Scottesh v Nestende (3,0), Maseadite v Blackfresh (3,0), Northampton v Bertinet (3,0), Handiser Coverny v Fytice (3,0); Handisel (3,0), Reading v Rosslyn Park (2,45); Rugby v Mortey (3,0); Fourth Calvision: Easter v Phymouth (3,0); Handist v Asçanta Liverpool 3; Holders v Rednuth London Weisth v Leade; Walsal v Cilson (2,15); Filh division mortic Brimagnain Schulit v Whartedale (2,15); Kendel v Pretition.

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3.30 1, Executive Design (5-4 test); 2, Gospel Song (6-4), 3, Tite Heights (66-7), 11 ren, NP, Eller Justice

Site Justice . 4.00 1. Seeth Towers (7-4 fev); 2. Seeting Gold (3-1); 3. Amount (66-1) 8 ran.

Chetenhim, Lydney v Westerl-super-Mare.
OTHER SPORT
BASKETBALL: Budwesser between Derby v
Loopards (6.0): Lalcaster v Occosser.
(7.30). Marichester v Hersel. (7.30): Newcaste v Worthing (7.30): Thermes Valley, v Blankgham (8.0).
BOWLE: Chuschill Insurance world Indoor championships (Fraston).
RACING: Chepstow (1.0): Newcastle. (1.40): Linghald Park (AV. 2.20).
SNOOKER: Sweeter Shop International Open (Swindon).
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FOOTBALL FA CLE: Fourth round: "Strewsbury t Liverpoot (11.0). Fifth round: Mancheste United v Coventry or Man City (4.0). **FLUGBY UNKN** WOMEN'S HOME NATIONS CHAMP-IONSHIP Wates v Scotland (Cardiff). RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Fifth round: Halifax v Sheffeld; Dewebury v Widnes OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL Butweiser League Crester
v Shelfield (5.0): Doncester v London
(5.00), Leoparde v Thomes Valley (5.0).
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Ireland produces live Festival hope at Leopardstown

Imperial Call 5-1 for Gold Cup

IMPERIAL CALL thrust him self firmly into contention for the Cheltenham Gold Cup with a resounding display of front-running in the Irish equivalent here yesterday.

The seven-year-old, previ-ously unproven over three miles, disposed of Master Oats and Monsieur Le Cure with a flourish to match One Man's defeat of the same pair at Sandown last month. He outclassed the twin-pronged British challenge with a series of quicksilver leaps and looks

Nap: FORESTAL (5.00 Hereford) Next best: I'm A Dreamer

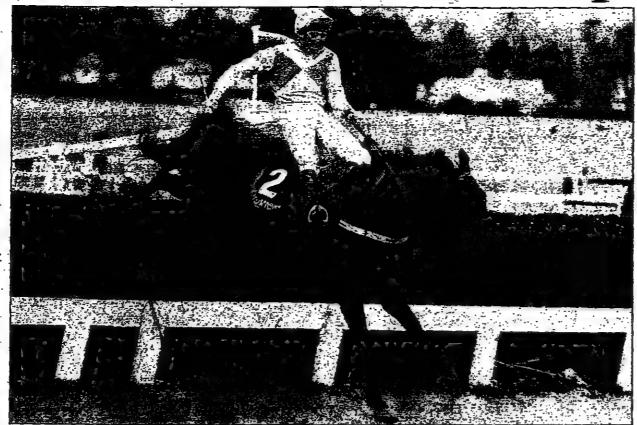
(3.00 Hereford) Pichard Evens was in fine form at Newbury on Saturday, He napped Squire Silk (13-2) and also selected River Lossie (6-1) and Vilding Flagship (5-2).

formidable opponent for Britain's grey standard bearer at Prestbury Park next month. Imperial Call's six-length tally from Master Oats - with Monsieur Le Cure a further I'd lengths adrift - may not, at face value, appear as em-phatic as One Man's demoli-

ion of the same opponents. Yet Master Oats, in the vords of his trainer, Kim Bailey, "jumped better than he ever has before". He certainly looked an improved animal on this occasion. Imperial Call's demonstration of authority arrived at the final fence. He met it on the wrong stride and hit the obstacle hard, inviting renewed challenge from Jamie Osborne, aboard Master Oats.

The ground, officially soft, was to the reigning Gold Cup winner's liking, yet Imperial Call drew away from the toiling mudlark when he might have been excused for tiring himself. A top-priced 8-1

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O'Dwyer sits tight as Imperial Call hits the last on his way to victory at Leopardstown. Photograph: Ed Byrne

Cheitenham with Coral, Imperial Call is as short as 5-1 with Ladbrokes.

As with Danoli, Ireland's prize hurdler, imperial Call hails from a small stable. Fergus Sutherland may train just six horses on his Corkbased farm, but he possesses a wealth of experience. Noted for his prowess in Flat handicaps, he also sent out the juvenile, A.20, to land the Queen Mary Stakes when operating out of Newmarket more than 30 years ago, "Any fool can win a two-year-old race," Sutherland reflected of his time in Britain, "but I have

Before this victory, Imperial Call had mixed it with a

3.20 Silverfort Lad

4.20 Proud Sun

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 SILVERFORT LAD.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

BETTPER: 5-4 September Spinosour, 5-2 Mount To Be, 4-7 Love The Blatts, 18-1 Star Antice, 14-7 offices.

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2.20 HASSOCKS NOVICES CHASE (\$2,098: 2m) (8 numers)

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1,50 SHEFFIELD PARK MARES ONLY MOVICES HARDLE

4.50 BUCKLAND LAD (nep)

vintage crop of two-milers, even though his pedigree reads like that of a staying chaser. There's no doubt the winner is a very good horse." Bailey reflected. "We would

which stopped him in his tracks," he said. "I am very happy because he did not like

the sticky going."

Conor O'Dwyer, who rode
Imperial Call with assurance, is far from certain to keep the ride in the Gold Cup. Charlie Swan, the horse's regular partner, was, on this occasion, claimed for Life Of A Lord, who ran an excellent Grand National trial in fourth place.

Norman Williamson, who was due to ride Master Oats yesterday, dislocated his shoulder at Newbury on Saturday, just two rides into his comeback from a four-month absence with a broken leg. Williamson is expected to be out of action for at least two weeks and misses the ride on

Alderbrook, champion hurdler, at Wincanton a week on Thursday. The jockey's latest setback

came when Eskimo Nel, his mount in the Tote Gold Trophy, crashed out of the contest. The race was won decisively by the Andy Turnell-trained Squire Silk, a best-priced 33-1 for the Champion Hurdle. Highlight of Newbury's card on Saturday was Viking Flagship's long-awaited return to form in the Game Spirit Chase under Adrian Maguire. Viking Flagship's projected Champion Chase encounter

with Sound Man and Strong Platinum has the makings of a stirring renewal.

Swinburn fall, page

Armagret rewarded for braving elements

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

FROZEN ground lingered at the Cambridge University Draghounds's meeting at Cottenham on Saturday, causing some significant

abstentions.
Colonial Kelly was among a number of horses who travelled to the track but stayed in their boxes. His trainer, Diana Grissell, said: "I'd run other horses from my yard but not this one - he's too valuable." Caroline Saunders was another leading trainer to withdraw her runners.

The problem was frozen soil an inch or two below the surface, producing a sticky top but jar underneath and, after two of the three runners in the opening members' came back sure, the position looked ominous, However, steward Andrew Merriam, said: "The riders who took part in the first said it was okay. If they had had any doubts we would have inspected again."

Only two contested the con-fined, but a healthier 12 went to post for the men's open and Armagret, formerly trained by Jumbo Wilkinson, showed a good turn of foot to beat

Richard Barber was the man to follow at the East Cornwall meeting, where he saddled a four-timer, three of champion, Polly Curling. Rural Outfit, Strong Tarquin and Earthmover

formed Curling's treble, while Tim Mitchell teamed up with Lewesdon Hill to beat Chilipour in the men's open.

The biggest shock of the day was the 10-1 starting price about Phar Too Touchy, winner of the intermediate. Own-er-rider Rebecca Francis took over from Neil Harris, but liw bas doj edt at qu bevorg doubtless want to keep it when her gelding tackles Taunton's four-mile hunter chase later this month.

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RESULTS: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY DRAGHOUNDS (Codenham). Numt 1, Sahman Mand (S. Sporborg, 4-7 lay, Confined 1, Kelly's Sye (L. Lay, 5-4). Open 1, Armsynt (S. Cowell, 6-2). Ladles: 1, Rambelda Rambier (Miss C. Hallday, 7-1). Rest (L. Billion Dollarbii (M. Gorman, 2-1). Rest (L. T. Samsword (John Pritchard, 2-1). Fest (L. T. Samsword (John Pritchard, 2-1). Open Midn (L. T., Parily (John Pritchard, 7-1). Hant (L. T., Parily (John Pritchard, 7-1). Common, 8-4).

EAST CORNWALL (Groot Trethew): Hunt 1, Full Alin Miles S Young, Evens Jan. Confined: 1, The General's Drum (Miss R. Francis, 7-1). Open 1. Lewesdon Hill (T. Mitchell, 7-1). 8 ran. Ledies: 1, Rural Oxyli (Mass P. Curling, 7-4. It fan). Rest 1, Strong Tarquin (Mess P. Curling, 1-1). Hand (J. Latter, 1-1). The Top Open Midn (L. T. Samin Tyram (L. Jatort, 5-1). Open Midn (L. T. Samin Tyram (L. Jatort, 5-1). Open Midn (L. T. Samin Tyram (L. Jatort, 5-1). Open Midn (L. T. Samin Tyram (L. Jatort, 5-1). Open Midn (L. T. Samin Tyram (L. Jatort, 5-1).

Whitley unearths Fallon on performance figures

on horses like Top Cees. No. not at making occasional physical contact with other ockeys rather than racehorses. Fallon shares the honour with Frankie Dettori of being the best performing

Flat jockey riding in Britain. After enduring more clashes with racing officialdom than he might care to remember - the latest in India nine days ago — the north-em-based jockey can afford a wry smile as he savours the conclusions of riding performance figures in the Computer Racing Form annual covering the 1995 Flat sea-son, published today.

I suspect the sense of irony will not be lost on Lynda and Jack Ramsden, who have retained complete faith in their stable jockey through-out his much-publicised disciplinary troubles.

The riding performance figures are unique. They are not the subjective view of John Whitley, whose Racing Research company produces the annual, but rather the result of exhaustive examination by a computer of how each horse has performed under its different jockeys during a season. The ratings, which are given in pounds to the nearest tenth, are restricted to riders for whom there is a large amount of data.

Racing's flat earthers who question the idea of being able to rate jockeys, lose sight of how these figures regularly pinpoint leading gained widespread recog-

Michael Roberts topped the figures in 1992, the year before he became champion jockey, having been a 100-1 chance at the start of that McCoy finished in pole pos-ition after the 1994-95 jumps season. These ratings are regarded as invaluable by the eleverest backers," the annual states correctly - one of whom just happens to be Jack Ramsden.

RICHARD



commentary

Fallon and Dettori carned a rating of 12.8 on a scale where the average is 10.0. In practice, a horse ridden by them would run 281b better - equivalent to a length or more in races - than when ridden by Philip Robinson, Richard Hills and Jimmy Quinn, who are on 10.0.

The other riders who earned a rating of 120 or more were Ray Cochrane, John Reid, Tony Ives, Jimmy Fortune, Jason Weaver, Richard Quinn, Brett Doyle, Wendyll Woods, Walter

As my regular reader will know by now, when it comes to assessment of form and attempting not to fip too many losers, I lean heavily on the Whitley form and speed ratings for horses. I liken them to the bricks while the mortar, in the shape of breeding information, running styles, interprepotential, is provided by eagle-eyed Timeform gurus at Halifax, where Whitley worked before setting up on

his own Timeform's Racehorses annual for the last Flat season is due out shortly and should help to answer some fascinating posers raised by Whitley's computer-based ratings for last summer.

Royal Applause, the unbeaten winner of the Coventry, Gimerack and Middle Park Stakes, is rated 5lb superior to Alhaarth and also recorded the best time performance by any two-year-old in 1995. Will Barry Hills's star stay a mile?

Interestingly, Bosra Sham is rated 2lb ahead of Blue Duster and her Fillies' Mile victory at Ascot was also a tip-top performance against the clock. Will the ground determine the outcome of the 1,000 Guiness?

After the recent cold snap, the questions may appear premature but, with Cheltenham only a month away and the Flat due to start a week later, the anticipation is already building up.

THUNDERER

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2 P THE LANCER 18 D Gardolfo 7-11-6 D Forts (8)	
3 94P THEWELLSTEP'S 88 P Bower 7-11-8	
4 -P40 BURLINGTON SAM 32 D Barren 8-11-6 R Green -	
5 POOP DARK DIAMOND 21 H Kemmich 5-11-5 Was 5 Jackson -	
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8 F PONG THE BANK 653 R Deba 9-11-3 D Marchitt -	
10 S-6P CAREY'S COTTAGE 30 J Edwards 6-11-2 R Johnson (3) -	
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9 06-0	ALICE'S MITIROR 32 (B.D.G.S) K Bestrap 7-10-12 R Greene	92
10 03-0	FREE DANCER 39 (CD,S) H Simplemen 6-10-0 C Unwellyn	98
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3.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND TATTERSALLS (INFLAND) MARES NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

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3 -34F MYBLACKTHOFIN 38 (S) P Michells 6-11-9 A P McCay
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5 3-6F POLLY MINOR 19 6 Empt 9-19-4 R Johnson (3)
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8 PPAP SEASAMACAMBE 30 (S) R Buckle B-10-2 B Powel
9 96-P STRATTOM FLYER 135 H House 5-10-0
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6 0-83 MISS OPTIMIST 32 (F) D Michelson 6-10-12 R Johnson (3)
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ł	4 4/8- CAPE COTTAGE 359P (CD,F,6,5) D Caro 12-12-0 A Philips (7
1	5 PRP- SWORD-ASH 261P (6.5) L Bowles 14-12-0 D Place (7)

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۱	6 PSO SEBASTOPOL 301 (G) P Murphy 7-11-3 R Farms
	7 F-41 PRIDEWOOD PICKER 25 (G) R Prize 9-11-2 . A P McCo
	8 SP-Q SIMPLY A SECURE 34 C Jackson 5-11-2 W Heinghrey
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2.40 SYRIAN DESERT CLAIMING STAKES

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	•	750-	ASHDREN 19J (B.O.G.S) A Marrison 9-8-3 J Fanning 7
	7	80-	MATURAL PATH 105 (V) Mrs V Acontey 5-8-2 _ M Deemeg 3
	8	POO-	CHIEF'S LADY 117 J Bradley 4-8-0 J Cunn 5
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10 D-30 7-2 Modest H	DICLISION 2 (F.S) J Peterstrip 7-8-0 Dates ope, 4-1 See God, 9-2 Imperial Biol, 5-1 Martial, 6-1 Exclusion, 8- 0-1 Our Robert, 72-1 others.

3.40 GREAT SANDY HANDICAP (£2,955: 1m) (8) 1 9-21 SOUARE DEAL 14 (C.G) S Bearum 5-10-0. C Teague (S) 7 2 01-5 PRIZEPIENTER 41 (D.E) J Eyrs 5-913. D Pears (S) 3 3 0-00 ROAR ON TOUR 10 (D.G) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-8 J Fortune 2 4 0030 ELTON LEDGER 6 (D.E) Mrs M Macaday 7-9-5 R Contrace 8 5 350- RASHFET 205 (6) K Bahop 6-9-5 N Adams 1 6 0-30 MSS ZANZBAR 24 (D.E) R Fatery 4-6 A Colleges 5 6 0-30 MSS ZANZBAR 3 (B.CDL (G.S) S College 8-9-1 P Fessey (S) 4 8 -060 EAST BARNS 3 (B.CDL (G.S) S College 8-9-1 P Fessey (S) 4

6-4 Square Deal, 2-1 Prozelejnim, 5-1 Agoer, 6-1 Etion Ledge: 8-1 Plastided, 76-1 East Barns, 20-1 others **4.10** Hubian Fillies selling stakes (Qualifier: 3-Y-0; £2,085; 1m) (7)

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ł	3	2420	AMESOME VENTURE 7 (S) At Chaterian 6-9-10 C Months 1
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Lucky Bath

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BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

BATH were not beaten, but

Wakefield side whose collective spirit comes without a

price tag. Jon Sleightholme returned to his roots at College

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Until their escape, Bath had

RUGBY UNION

Commanding victory takes Harlequins through to Pilkington Cup quarter-final

E Andrew kick-starts Newcastle's plans to join top flight

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ROB ANDREW will have to live with the speculation that, for the remainder of this season and possibly longer. England. The reality for Newcastle's director of rugby, even after a 17-point return to the high life, is that everything that happens this season is preparation for a North East-ern explosion in 1996-97.

his is not to be dismissive comfortably into the quarterfinals of the Pilkington Cup. where they will meet Leicester on the same weekend that their capture of Gareth Liewellyn, the Wales lock, was

Llewellyn, capped 42 times and linked last November with Wasps, has been lured from Neath on a contract reported to be worth £250,000, and he may be but the first from the valleys to move up

Harlequins, though, were ever high rollers. The practical effect of the Newcastle revolution is just beginning. On Against Blackheath in the eague next Saturday, Tony Underwood becomes avail able, to be followed by Gary Armstrong and Doddie Weir. Only when he can call on all drew begin building a genuine

That is the task over the next three months, to blend the new guys in, so what we have is three months of practice for next season." Andrew said. "There's so much work to selves up alongside Harlemore players to find, but there

He will talk tomorrow with David Campese when New South Wales play the penultimate match of their tour at Newcastle, the Australia wing worthwhile business proposition. Perhaps Campese might have a word in the ear, too, of young lan McLennan, whose day began so well with Newcastle's try and ended calamitously as Daren O'Leary whisked past him for five tries and a competition record.

The naivety of McLennan's defence removed some of the ss from O'Leary's nap hand, but it was, nonetheless, a significant achievement by a wing whose career has not

QUARTER-FINALS

always run so smoothly. product of Campion School, he moved rapidly up the representative ladder as a youngster before finding that the nitty-gritty of first-division e was more demanding.

confidence last season, but O'Leary has gritted his teeth and demonstrated that his resentative ambitions have some basis. Mike Slemen, the England selector, suggested that he had played as well as any contender this season for an England wing position, a remark that is more pointed in view of O'Leary's Irish qualifi-

cation on his father's side. O'Leary, 22, a broker, has had no contact with the busy Irish Exiles organisation, but England, who have been so short of wing talent, can ill afford to let more players join the most recent green drain led by Chris Saverimutto and

shrugged off the rustiness caused by recent disruptions from their game and ran with a No 8 whose ball-handling is well in advance of the present England back row, Lawrence Dallaglio excepted. Chris Sheasby has been his club's most consistent forward

has struggled to throw off the "flash" image attached to him as a youngster. Is it too facile to say that, at 29, his time for honours has gone since he is an active member of the England A squad? In the second half, Harlequins were well aware that, ball in hand, they had more

firepower than Newcastle. and, with a strong wind at their backs, they had to make it tell: but, as England have discovered, the handling game has to be worked at and t was the final quarter before hey romped away. They started and finished

the first half well, but Andrew's kicking (six successes from seven attempts) reeled in an initial 10-0 lead. However, not conceal deficiencies in a midfield lacking the injured Wilkinson and Childs.

The more that Harlequin ran, the better they became Staples and Bromley created, O'Leary finished and Challinor looked far more like the goalkicker that he used to be than a man who has just taken six weeks away from practice



Andrew, left, grapples with Greenwood, the Harlequins centre, in the Pilkington Cup match at Newcastle

edness of his former team mates went unheeded. Brian Ashton, the Bath mach, aspires to the sesthetic: what he got was the antithesis of his ambitions. For all Bath's possession, to be rattled as easily as they were reflected dreadfully on those supposed to know and play better. Clarke and Robinson expended greater energies in cross-examination of the referee. crass indiscipline. When his side was not killing the ball ing straight to the Wakefield

rarely left second gear. Gloucester

at least have the prospect of a home

quarter-final tie with Wasps to

divert them from their attempts to

"It will be an exciting game." He has a fitness adviser and a psychologist

helping him to get things right off the field at Gloucester. Whether it is

enough to keep them in the first

Nottingham have the no-relega-

tion ruling to thank for ensuring

that they will play second division rugby in the next campaign. Roger Whittaker, the director of rugby, can only hope for a brighter future.

That will not happen without an injection of youthful talent and that:

means money and greater support.

"We have got to appeal continually to the city of Nottingham," Whitta-ker said. "If they want an elite side,

they are going to have to support

us." A move into the city from their.

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"It's a hig carrot for us," Hill said.

but Bath badly lost the plot. Trips by Bath to the North in the Cup tend to bring on

David Scully, like many players in the North, gets a raw deal when it comes to England selection. Rather than moving to further himself, the scrum half unlike others who have been snapped up from Wakefield by bigger crubs, feels a sense of loyalty. Scully might not be at a fashionable club, but, as he demonstrated on Saturday,

his game is in vogue. Scully was everywhere, including the right touchline to cut down the flying Adebayo in some heroic defence by Wakefield. His promptings around the ruck and scrumbase, coupled with the smothering back row presence of Green. Griffiths and Rushworth at close quarters. demoralised Bath, while Jackson's fourth penalty goal edged the home side in front

with 15 minutes left. Garnett's lack of a lineout throw, however, threw away a famous victory. It was wretched misfortune for Wakefield, and the stroke of luck that saved Bath.

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Irish forced to forsake style and Hill finds the formula to help. grind out victory in dour clash

By JOHN HOPKINS

MUCH has been made of Clive Woodward's coaching at lower levels, in Australia and now with London Irish. The former Leicester, England and British Isles threequarter has turned London Irish from a ragged bunch barely capable of remaining in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship into a team yearning for promotion. Woodward has done this with such elan that he has been approached about coaching the England Under-21 three-

What a surprise it was, then, to watch the first half hour of this fifthround Pilkington Cup match. It was the worst half hour of rugby that I have seen for years, being bad-tempered, boring and filled with errors. Two players received yellow cards within three minutes. At the risk of making a cheap joke, it is not inaccurate to say there was more action going on after the referee had blown his whistle, which was the signal for the pitch to be invaded by trainers, baggage men, physiothera-pists and replacement players, than

It was always going to be difficult for London Irish against a team

from two divisions below them. The slanting, intermittent rain and a gluey surface mitigated against an open, handling game that would have favoured Irish. Furthermore, Leeds had two big lineout forwards in Richard McCartney and Chris-

tian Raducanu, who were awkward and made their presence felt. Phil Griffin, the Leeds captain, was a flery back-row forward anxious to play one of the games of his life on a day when the emphasis was on forward and not Leeds have a decent set of for-

wards and, when Phil Davies arrives from Llanelli to become director of rugby and presumably



bolsters the pack even more, then the big ambitions of this small club will have moved nearer reality. As it was, they recovered from

being ten points down to level the score at 13-13 with 13 minutes remaining. Who can say, on such a day and such a pitch, that they could not have taken the lead had McCariney not been sent off for kicking at a ruck. Shorn of a ballwinner at the lineout and a force in the scrum, Leeds conceded two tries in the last 13 minutes, as well as two penalty goals.

Woodward watched the match from a shelter on the touchline, sometimes sitting down, at others standing and restlessly shifting from foot to foot. Nothing resembling a smile was to be seen on his face until the last few minutes when, as Michael Corcoran attempted to convert Rob Henderson's try. Woodward indicated that there was

five minutes to go.
At last, all was well for London Irish, but, not for the first time, a lesser club had gone very close to providing an upset in the Cup. provioling an opset in the Cutp.

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THE topical talk in football circles at the moment may concern the desirability of a mid-season break, but many Courage Clubs Championship players have just had one forced upon them. A combination of the weather and the five nations' championship has left those not playing at the highest level short of competitive fixtures. Gloucester beat Bristol in a training match four weeks ago, but this Pilkington Cup fifth-round tie was their first outing in earnest since they beat West

Hardepool on January 6.
Richard Hill, the director of coaching at Kingsholm, has nevertheless been working hard on his players' fitness levels, and it was this and the power of the visiting pack that ultimately enabled Gloucester to beat Nottingham by the comfortable margin of five tries to one. "We have got a lot stronger in the last 20 minutes," Hill said on Saturday. Twenty-eight second-half points scored without reply suggests that he could be right.

Gloucester chose to play into a strong wind in the first half and turned round 10-8 behind. Steve Reed, a former Leicester and Scotland Under-21 wing, had scored the

Gloucester pass fitness test bleak season in the league, but this match got off to a singgish start and

try of the match for Nottingham with a swerving run from halfway moments earlier; but it was never likely to be enough. BY NICOLAS ANDREWS

Chris Raymond, the Gloucester No 8, claimed a try in each half, the second of which owed much to Mike Lloyd's speed off the blind-side wing from a scrum. Indeed, Raymond might have had a third had not Douglas Chapman, the referee, capped an eccentric afternoon with the whistle by awarding a penalty try against the Nottingham pack Instead. Lloyd scored a try of his own in the 77th minute.

Perhaps it was rustiness, perhaps. it was the knowledge that defeat for .. either team would sit alongside a



Hill: training programme

Pontypridd bank on bonus

By BRYAN STILES

WHEN Bedford slumped to 27-0 by the interval, the calculators were out. Would they succumb by more than the 61 points that they surrendered to Bristol in January 1983?

They looked positively shellshocked as they huddled for the half-time team talk from Fran Clough, their captain and former England centre. They had packed their back line with hard-tackling defensive players, who had performed bravely, but had been unable to stop Bristol from running in three tries, while they were prevented from straying outside their own half most of the time.

Clough must have reminded them of the only three things that they had going for them: they were about to play downhill; they had the wind in

their favour and they had proved that they could stifle at least some of Bristol's attacks with their fearsome tackling. It worked. At least, it did for

Bristol foil brave defence

the first 15 minutes. Then, the greater weight and skill of the Bristol pack took its inevitable toll and the West Countrymen steamrollered their way into the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Cup and a meeting at home with their neighbours, Bath, the holders:

Before the kick-off, the signs were that there was unlikely to be a Cup upset, judging by the way that Bedford had been playing in the second division of the Courage Clubs championship. Bristol languish in a similar lowly position in the first division, but, as one seasoned Bedford official put. it: "Now, our supporters have witnessed the huge difference in class that lies between teams in the first and second

Arwel Thomas, the preco-

missed this game because he was summoned to Wales to prepare for the match against Scotland on Saturday. Bracken - who scored two tries and Hull showed that they are ready to step back into the England team if needed, and Regan regularly found his jumpers in the lineout - and scored a try.

Archer was a target-man for Regan at the throw-in and their partnership proved lucrative, with the lock feeding Bracken well, finding the gaps to score a try and shining in the loose alongside Adams and Corry.

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Senior league clubs seek greater control

THE fragmentation of Eag-lish club rugby will continue this week when a company representing the interests of first and second division clubs will be formed (David Hands writes). Though the clubs insist that they wish to work alongside the Rugby Football Union (RFU), they want to control their own financial destiny and the conflict of interests may prove irreconcilable.

The ten first division clubs have aiready withdrawn from the National Clubs Association (NCA), which has established representation within the last three years on nearly every significant RFU committee. The second division clubs seem certain to follow suit and each of the lower national divisions are worried that they will be left behind. The first division clubs

want to negotiate on their own behalf the commercial arrangements relating to the new European tournament and the proposed Anglo-Welsh tournament, and seek a redistribution of money from existing domestic

Meanwhile, Ireland, who play France in Paris on Saturday, will give an international debut to David Humphreys, the Oxford University and London Irish stand-off half. He is the only newcomer in a XV showing five changes from the side beaten by Scotland.

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Pontypridd.....19 By GERALD DAVIES.

THE rush is on for the bonus points for tries. With the leading five clubs in Wales: experiencing a backlog of fixtures ranging from six to eight matches, the need to capitalise

on scoring opportunities is paramount, as Pontypridd in their eyes, was a formality. It was the number of tries that mattered. Pontypridd ignored the

goal-kicking expertise of Nell Jenkins throughout the game. This was his first match since his collar-bone injury before Christmas and it seemed odd not to see him in his customary role aiming for the posts. Elsewhere, though, he was influential in his line kicking

and tackling.
Penalty goals may win,
matches, but it is a club's

number of tries that could well win the league. Pontypridd were awarded 15 penalties in all, about half of which were well: within Jenkins's range. Generally, however, Phil John, the hooker, tapped the ball to himself and expected his feam-mates to follow in his

Even when the home team had gone ahead from a penalon scoring opportunities is ty goal by Stork; this was the paramount, as Pontypridd route that Pontypridd chose to proved on Saturday, Victory, follow: Such pile-driving tacfics were not a pretty sight. . These moves succeeded

twice, giving Pontypridd the kind of lead that Aberavon were unlikely to overtake. A series of these short penalties resulted in Paul John crossing the line by way of a crawl in the 29th minute. Something similar occurred for the second try, seven mimites into the second half, when space was finally created for Manley to

Aberayon provided stiff re-sistance largely because of the

hall-winning capacity of Clapham and Matthews in the lineout, but lacked the pace to make any substantial im-Aberavon were making

encouraging inroads into the Pontypridd defence when, as had happened so often previously, the ball went astray. Geraint Lewis latched on to it and sprinted 50 metres for the So, Pontypridd, in gaining the extra bonus point, move

level at the top with Llanelli, who remain in the lead by virtue of their greater number

Of tries.

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Hansen leaps among world's elite

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

EVEN without Jonathan Edwards, Great Britain have started this Olympic year one jump ahead of the rest of the world. Ashia Hansen's British and Commonweath women's triple jump record in the Ricoh Tour at Birmingham on Saturday was all the more meaningful for the scalps it gave her. Hansen's mark was the best in the world this year, as was Steve Smith's in the high

It was a day when the names of Kravets and Kravitz came up. Hansen beat Inessa Kravets, the outdoor world champion and world recordholder, as well as Iva Prandzheva, the world championship runner-up. Smith was wondering whether he should go back to Lenny

Two years ago, Smith set a British and Commonwealth indoor record of 2.38 metres in a high jump to music competition in Wuppertal, Germany. Ten days ago, he returned to Wuppertal and managed only 2.20 metres. "One of the most embarrassing performances." Smith said. I tried Frankie

Birmingham results

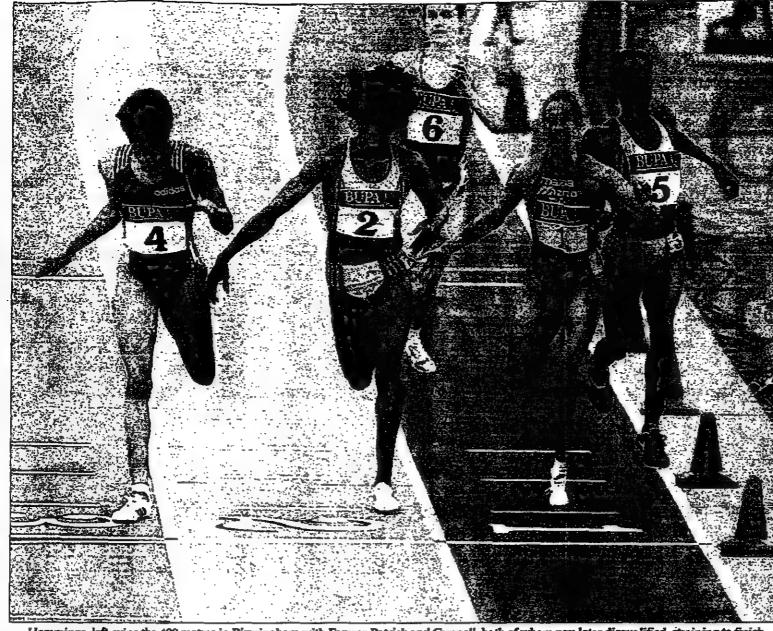
Goes to Hollywood at Wuppertal and it didn't work, so I

Even without music, which helps the jumpers into their rhythm. Smith cleared 2.36 metres in Birmingham. Not only was Smith without music, but also opposition. too. Steinar Hoen, the European champion, from Norway, abandoned the competition at 2.34 metres, with just the two of them left in. because he had a flight to catch to his next meeting. Who

cares about the paying public? Hoen was off to Balingen. Germany, for a musical high jump yesterday and wanted to catch the evening flight. Smith followed yesterday morning. "I would never think of leaving a competition if I had just jumped 2.34." Smith said. "but he has not got a British crowd to think of like I have. That is where my priorities

Something will have to be done about the jumping surface at the National Indoor Arena. Two British high jumpers, Brendan Reilly and Andrew Lynch, have ruptured Achilles tendons on it recently because. Smith suspects, the surface gives underfoot. It required taping during the competition. "I was very aware of it at the beginning. DUT IT IS NO USE WOTTS it," Smith said.

Hansen added 29 centimetres to her British record with 14.58 metres. Prandzheva was second with 14.56 metres. Inna Lasovskaya, the European indoor champion, third



Hemmings, left, wins the 400 metres in Birmingham with Farmer-Patrick and Gunnell, both of whom wee later disqualified, straining to finish

with 14.52 metres and Kravets a disappointing fourth with 14.27 metres.

Coaches are hard people to satisfy. "She was not as quick on the runway as I have seen her the last two weeks," was the critical view of Frank Attoh, Hansen's coach, "There is at least 30 or 40 centimetres to come, hopefully indoors."

By tonight, Britain could have a new world recordholder. Tony Jarrett, after his sprint hurdles victory over Allen Johnson, the indoor and outdoor world champion, is in Tampere, Finland, seeking to break the rarely-run mark for the indoor 110 metres

"Hopefully I can do it," Jarrett said. Nevertheless, he admitted: "It does not have have a great deal of significance." The record, held by Johnson, is 13,34sec.

British athletics is enjoying an encouraging start to the year. There were mesh t tions in the week that Diane Modahl may have her name cleared of drugs allegations by the International Amateur Athletic Federation: television figures show that the Great Britain versus Russia indoor

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Olympic threat to Nigeria

two seven-ligure sponsorships THERE was anger in the running of Davidson Ezinwa have been announced; British athletes are performing well; and Christy Opara, respective winners of the men's and Gunnell's disqualification women's 60 metres at the Tour meeting in from the 400 metres for breaking lane early in her first international race after Birmingham on Saturday. Ezinwa and Opara are Nigeri-ans who should be finalists in injury hardly mattered. What was importhe 100 metres at the Olympics tant was that she gave a close Games in Atlanta this sumrace to Sandra Farmer-Patrick mer. Should be, but will they and Deon Hemmings, two challengers for her Olympic be allowed to compete?

Both were disturbed by

ports from the United States in the week that suggested that moves were afont on Canitol Hill to have Nigeria's athletes barred from Atlanta. Sanctions against Nigeria's military government were being examined by the State Depart-

ment after the haging of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the dissident. Embargoes on ams and oil, and a hard line o sport, were under consideraton.

Ezinwa and tpara urged the politicians noto use sport exert pressur on their Government to and human rights abuses. I they cannot sanction Nigeris in an economic way, wy sanction them in sport? Opara, the 1994 Commonwalth Games 100 metres runne-up, said...

"It is not sprt that is: causing what isgoing on in Nigeria now, it iroll, but they are talking abut banning athletes. Ezinwasaid. "If they stop Nigeria coming to the Olympics, it is no the Govern-ment they are huffing, it's the

his share of setbacks caused the politics of his sport. Though an Olympic finalist in 1992, he was left out of the Nigeria team for the 1993 world championships in Stutt-gart because he did not appear at the national trials. The runner-up to Linford Christie in the 1990 Commonwealth Games, he was omitted for the

cames, he was omneed for the next Games, in 1994 — again for failing to run the trialist. In 1995, he missed the world championships in Gothenburg through injury. Having won the first two races on the Ricoh Tour, he feels that he has brill a clattered for Atlanta has built a platform for Atlan-ta. Now, the politicians are causing him more worryies than are Christie and Dono-

Higenbotham in fine form as Manchester net two titles

By DAVID POWELL

Rochester, but, as the tourist signs tell visitors. Historic Rochester. There is the lith century Rochester Castle, a cathedral that is the second oldest in England, a Dickensian connection, and, if you visit in November, Great Britain's oldest annual five-mile road race. Yesterday, history was in the making again. --

The biggest weekend of the year for young nethall players comes with certain guaran-tees. Competition will be keen, the noise will be deafening. and Greater Manchester will win something. What has never happened in the annual inter-counties schools championships is for Sussex to reach

Their previous best was ninth, but, at the Stirling Sports Centre, they reached the final of the under-to tournament. They lost to mighty Manchester, but gave them a game, 10-8 the score. Manchester did the double, beating Birmingham 14-12 in the under-18 final.

This is serious success in domestic netball. Such is the importance of the tournament. that the counties, even those from nearby, book into hotels. The cost of the weekend to each county is at least £2,000. "Our attitude is very profes-sional," Rachel Folley, the England Under-16 coach, said. "We are hampered by the image of it being a schoolgirl

Folley attributes Manchester's success to enthusiastic officials, a sound club and school structure, role models and luck. Luck because, compared with counties the size of Sussex, Manchester is a smallarea with a high concentration

"Accessibility is so much greater." Folley said. Sussex sprawls by comparison. Players have to commit to travel and, according to Sandra Scragg, the Sussex coach; there is a greater disparity of styles when players come from

Manchester's role models inspire newcomers. According to Folley: "When you have one England player, the kudos develops and expectation be-comes higher." Manchester. had nine on show at the weekend. The next best counties had England players in ones and twos.

The present success started

ROCHESTER is not just with Tracey Neville, an Eng-Rochester, but, as the tourist land Under-21 goal attack. It makes a change to have one attacker in the Neville family: Gary and Phillip, her footballing brothers, defend for Manchester United.

In common with many sports, netball has suffered through changes in the national curriculum: The amount played in schools, and the quality: was affected," Folley said; but she sees signs of a recovery.

The prospects for the future of the England team look



have a hard act to follow: England were fourth in the world championships in Birmingham last year.

However, rising players will be expected to learn a standard England style. Australia and New Zealand, first and third at the world championship, have been studied and copied. "We have looked at their styles, which are very different, and taken the best things that are worth us developing into our style,

Folley said. down to these people here. This is something the All England Netball Association has taken on since the world championship." Come the next world tournament in New Zealand in 1999, Roches ter may seem far behind for some of the winners yesterday.

There are certainly some youngsters here who could be playing for that squad," Folley said. One who impressed her was Liz Higenbotham, the Manchester Under-16 centre. lovely wrists, She has apparently.

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Only hot dogs and Tigers fail to satisfy

for an evening of non-stop hockey action



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Stuart Jones squeezes into Crystal Palace

Tinals night of the indoor they tussled with them, but ship at the Crystal Palace sports centre was packed,

international attracted four

million Saturday afternoon

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the number who watched the

rugby union international be-

tween England and France:

and Sally Gunnell is back.

400 metres hurdles crown.

"The important thing was to give it a real go and be competitive." Gunnell, who

reported no problem with the

heel injury that ruled her out

last year, said. She did exactly

and on a foul February night, as well. The place was also very noisy, principally because of the vociferous contingent supporting East

A thousand seats, arrayed along one side, were full. So were the hospitality boxes, stretched along one end. Spectators, with no choice but to stand behind a railing, lined the other side and end. There was no less space in between the eight matches.

one of which was an exhibi-

tion featuring school sides.

Play was continuous, apart from intervals of three minutes and gaps of five minutes. for more than seven hours. At £7.50, the entrance fee represented good value for money. The refreshments did not. A hamburger stall, tucked away complex, offered the only hot food available. Timing was everything as no more than

one person was on duty and she was distinctly harassed. Similar exasperation was evident back in the arena. Uncommonly, the players shook hands with their opponents before as well as after

such amiable propriety was not shown to the officials, particularly by the aptly named Barford Tigers.

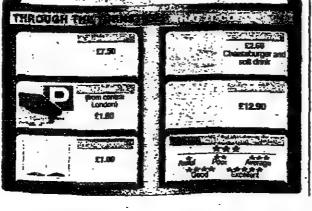
The runners up last year. they had won all five of their matches in the preliminary round, held over two days in the middle of January. They opened in the tournament though, by being beaten by Hull and they lost their com-posure as well. Miscreants were not shown

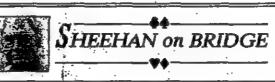
green triangle. The Barford Tigers earned several of them. all for dissent. Their followers also angrily accused those in charge of among other trimes, "knowing nothing about the game because they

had never played it".

Amid the increasingly petu-lant verbal protestations on and off the converted basketball court, though, could be seen the outstanding individual of the event. Amarjit Deegun caught the eye for his sleight of stick.

Even with his dazzling witardry, the Tigers fared no better in their other pool match. They went down to Old Lought had by a similarly narrow margin in the final a year ago.





By Rober Shrehan, bridge correspondent East-Westpame

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The good Six Spades was missed at all the tables in the first round of the 1995 Premier League matches What usually happened ws that South responded On Spade to North's One Damond, and thereafter couldnot catch up. This is a possibl Acol auction:

l, A cue-bid confining spades; 2. Have you got a least control?: 3.

It is much beter to make a first-round june shift on the South hand, ly responding Two Spades, you establish a game-force early on and you can then repet your suit on the next roun to show the quality of the sades.

The key to the successful Acol auction agree is North's preciation of the value of the jack of spades. This represents good support for a suit that South has rebid after a jump shift. South's Four Diamond cue-bid, showing the ace, is also good news for North, hecause he can now see lots of tricks. North makes a bid, Five Hearts, that forces South to go to slam with a control in the unbid suit.

The slam is made easily

after the king of hearts lead and a club switch. South takes the ace of clubs, cashes the jack of spades and ruffs a heart to get back to hand to draw trumps. The fall of the ace of hearts gives South an easy 12 tricks without having to worry about the 5-1 diamond break. South's declarer play would be tested more on an unlikely dub lead, though he will still be able to succeed by squeezing West in the red

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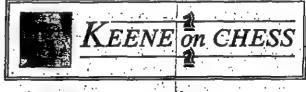
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By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Computer's sensational win

Garry Kasparov, the world cham-pion, has suffered a sensational reverse in the first game of his sixgame match against IBM's Deep Blue computer. This is the first time that a world:chammion has lost to a computer at the normal tournament time rate of 40 moves IBM's Deep Blue sees 512 mil-

lion different positions every sec-ond. The question must be whether such immense calculating power can translate into the strategic and tractical creativity required for victory on the chessboard.

From the start of the first gains Kasparov seemed ill at ease. His second move blew the position wide open when conventional wisdom dictates that a clos strategy is the prudent course against computers. Kasparov's enth move ... Bb4 looked ardficial, and, after this bishop was driven out of play on the queen's flank, the computer systematically set about inflicting weaknesses Kasperov's pawns. White: Deep Blue Black: Garry Kasparov

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Correction

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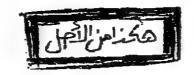
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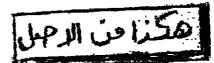
By Raymond Keene

White to play and mate in two moves. This position is a problem composed by Lilian Baird, the amazing nine-year-old Brightonbased chess prodigy, in 1890. White obviously has an over-whelming material superiority in this position, but the problem is how to force checkmate in two moves against any black defence.

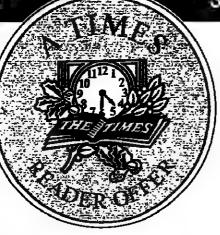
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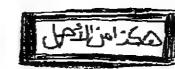
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TOMORROW

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Economic statistics: new construction orders (Dec), Retail Consortium January sales.

WEDNESDAY

Finals: Eaglet Investment Trust, Flying Flowers, Lloyds Abbey Life, Scotlish American Investment, Vardon. Economic statistics: Bank of England quarterly inflation re-port, January labour market

THURSDAY

Interima: Armitage Brothers, Pantheon International

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Finals: CLM Insurance Fund, General Consolidated Invest-ment Trust, Greenfriar Investment Trust, Greenmar investment, Mersey Docks and Harbour, Royal Dutch/Shell, Ward Holdings. Economic statistics: January

retail prices index, US December factory orders, Bundes-bank central council meeting.

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Interims: Birse Group, Finals: Baring Tribune Invest-ment Trust, Lloyds TSB. Economic statistics: January PSBR, US November and December construction spend-ing, US November business in-

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Reuters, Johnson Matthey, Clubhaus. Hold Bryant. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Vardon, Hanson, Transport Development. The Observer: Sell Redland. Buy WMI. The independent on Sunday: Buy Johnson Matthey, BAA, Sell Eidos. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Wyndeham Press.



Oil giants move into spotlight

THE oil companies hold centre stage this week, with the "big two", BP and Shell, unveiling figures. However, the focus of attention will not be on their oil activities, but on just how badly their chemical interests have performed during the present downturn

BP: Full-year figures tomorrow from the company, of which Sir David Simon is chairman, are likely to reveal a downturn in profits during the final quarter, reflecting problems within the chemicals division.

Bruce Evers, oil analyst at Henderson Crostinwaite, the broker, is looking for net profits to grow by £90 million to £517 million, but with the group having achieved a third-quarter performance of £532 million, this is unlikely to inspire the

A combination of high explora-tion write-offs during the final quarter and a fall-off in activity on the chemicals side will be blamed for the downturn.

In addition, the group has suffered a 1 per cent reduction in volume, although domestic gas sales were higher in spite of surplus stocks and the warm

Refining was flat during the third quarter, with margins under pressure Margins, gener-ally, will prove erratic at best especially in the US. The petrol price war initiated after the Budget will have also put margins under pressure. BP has announced plans to

restructure its downstream assets. The £700 million charge will be taken below the line. The fourth-quarter dividend is expected to be maintained on the previous quarter, resulting in a total payout of 15p.

SHELL: It will have become a familiar tale by the time Shell also unveils final figures on Thursday. The impact of the downturn in the chemical industry will be more evident than with BP. Henderson says that it expects net profits to have fallen from £1.6 billion to £1.1 billion.

However, last year's figure was inflated by about 6500 million on



exceptional profits relating to Hong Kong property gains. Once that figure is stripped out, the group's performance becomes almost static. UBS, the broker, is forecasting profits outside the US to drop 30 per cent from the third-quarter level. This mainly reflects its reliance on the bulk polymers

Mr Evers, of Henderson, says: "Obviously, if earnings from either company disappoint, it will

than El billion wiped from its stock market value since announcing plans to split the company, investors will no doubt be hoping the share price can make up some of the lost ground when the first-quarter figures are an-nounced on Wednesday. They are

likely to be disappointed.

Analysts are forecasting a drop in pre-tax profits of about-6 per cent to £252 million, with earnings down about 4 per cent at force people to trim their 1996 3.7p. This is in spite of a first full contribution from Eastern Electricity, for which it paid £2.5 HANSON: Having seen more; billion last year. Much of the

blame will lie with Quantum, the group's US operation.

REUTERS: The group has enjoyed double-digit revenue growth in recent years, but that looks set to change, which is why the City will be paying closer attention than usual to full year. figures tomorrow.

Reuters braced the City for the first signs of a slowdown in its phenomenal growth record by telling it to start expecting singlealmost 1600 million, while earnings advance 15 per cent to 25p a

Much of the growth will be generated by the group's transaction operations, including Instinct, its computerised securities trading system, which is expected to have enjoyed a robust performance. Word is that D2-2 will also have moved into the black. But even if there are signs of a slowdown. UBS, the broker, hopes this will be offset by possible news of a share buyback omeramme:

LLOYDS TSB: On Friday, the group will be publishing its first set of figures since merging nowards the end of last year. They should make impressive reading revealing the best trading profits of all Britain's banks. Profits profits for the full year are expected to have grown by about 10 per cent to £2 billion, supported by a five-month contribution from its recent acquisition, Chel-tenham & Gloucester, and further east cutting. But the figures will be hit by a charge of almost £500 million relating to restructuring. Shareholders are likely to be rewarded with a 15 per cent increase in the dividend to lip.

BOC Group: First quarter fig-ures: tomorrow are expected to reflect a buoyant industrial gases market. They should also highlight the benefits actuing from recent restructioning and intestment. In fact, gases thould provide the main thrust to a £19 million increase in pre-tax profits to £05 million. But trading conditions are less positive elsewhere. where in the group. BQC's healthcare operation has been hit by generic competition to its Forane freatment, while in the US, order books for anaesthetic equipment show signs of decline. The vacuum operation has also

been a strong performer, but this is expected to be offset by a disappointing performance from the distribution side, where non-Marks & Spencer sparging have come under fresh pressure. BOC is now embarking on a restrucdigit revenue growth. Even so, ... turing programme for this part of brokers are forecasting a 16 per the business.

City expected to focus on Bank report

his week sees a string of key British statistics, kicking off today with January figures for costs and prices in industry. According to the consensus of forecasts compiled by MMS International producer input prices are expected to rise by only 0.1 per cent, allowing the annual rate to fall to 4.4 per cent from 5.8

per cent in December.

Output prices paid at the factory gate are forecast to rise by 0.5 per cent, pushing the year-on-year increase down to 3.8 per cent from 4.3 per cent.

The next focus for the markets will be

Wednesday's Quarterly Bulletin and Inflation Report from the Bank of England. This will be particularly closely looked at by the City for any further clues as to the Bank's attitude towards the second of two cuts in the base rate during

The Bank refused to comment on the cut fuelling speculation that it had opposed the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the issue. The minutes of the January

monthly monetary meeting are published on Wednesday next week.
Also this Wednesday comes publication of unemployment statistics for January, with the market consensus forecast looking for a fall in headline

necess looking for a rau in heading unemployment of 5,000, compared with the decline of 7,900 in December.

Annual average earnings growth in Detember is expected to have edged up to 3.5 per cent from 3.25 per cent, while year payear growth in unit wage costs is expected to remain at 4 per cent.

On Thursday, January retail prices figures are due to be published. Headline ingress are due to be published. Heading inflation is forecast to have dropped 0.3 per cent in January, taking the annual rate down to 29 per cent from 3.2 per cent. The sunderlying rate of inflation is expected to fall to 2.8 per cent from 3 per cent, and RPIY which excludes mortgage inflates payments and indirectates, is forecast to stay unchanged at 2.1

The last key British statistic of the weel comes on Friday with the January publi-sector borrowing requirement. One of the key months for corporation tax receipts there is expected to be a net repayment o borrowing of £4.5 billion after a borrow ing requirement of £1.04 billion is

December.
One key international event to water out for is the Thursday meeting of th Bundesback's policy making counci which will discuss German interest rate

Heavitree Brewery heads for listing

ies to float when it goes for a listing on the Alternative Investment Market. Heavitree follows a number of brewers which have seized on growing confidence in the fortunes of smaller drinks companies as the market gets increasingly tough for the larger businesses in a tight market.

The move may add a little sparkle to AIM, which has suffered from more lacklustre port a general feeling of cauing towards a correction. Julian Palfreyman of Winterflood Securities, which is one of the main players in AIM, said: "Last week was quite tough. Many eyes have been some waiting to see what might happen before investors

make too many moves." Those shares which did shake up some action last week included SkyePharma, the pharmaceuticals company which joined the market at the

There was also some inter-

est in Voss Net, the company which is marketing an interactive online electronic trading system, after it struck a licensing agreement with Peon Wall Street and there is tra Corporation, a US company operating in the same area. The deal means US exposure for Voss Net and could lead to expansion into the Pacific Rim.

The subdued activity this month contrasts with the strong start to the year made

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

on the sitemative exchange passed the Bot million a month mark har the first time when it reached £123.5 million. That figure had jumped 47 per cent from £84.3 million in December and was boosted by a number of new companies

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ing opportunity rather than the start of a big slide. We expect gilts to match or outperreal long gilt form the global norm; with long yields falling back to 7.7 per cent in the coming months. At the same time, sterling is likely to be among the strongest European currencies, ris-Now, ing above DM2.35 this year. There are three key differences between the current

position and that of early 1994. First, global growth is weaker. In early 1994, business surveys in the US. UK and other EU countries showed rapid gains in new orders. By contrast, the last CBI survey showed falling business confidence and the weakest orders for three years. Business surveys in the US and other EU countries are Secondly, the overhang of

everaged bond-market positions seems to be smaller. Sterling bank loans to UK-

s history repeating itself? based securities dealers rose. As in early 1994, gold by 23 per cent last year, prices are soaring, while whereas they rose by 90 per

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resultant drop in impor-prices, could be the trigger for a gilt rally. Sentiment is likely to turn against the core ERM currencies because of the sharp slowdown in those econdinies. Although the UK economy has slowed, it is outpacing the core European

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economies by a wide margin.
The Bandesbank has signalled its desire for a lower mark, while the United Kingdom authorities probably would not resist a modest gain in the pound. Sterling is highly undervalued compared with its long run norms and a slight rise would still leave exporters with a huge competitive edge.

Signs that inflation is re-treating will allow base rates coming months. Unless the next government surprisingly loosens fiscal policy, then they are likely to stay around 62 er cent next year, in contrast to the sharply rising rate path shown by short sterling

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(c) Gradually to make immune to a poison, by the consumption over a long period of increasing doses. Econym from Midnidates, King of Pontus from 120 to 63 BC, who is said to have so poison-proofed himself. "I sell the tale that I heard told. Mithridates, he died old." "No, the spices do not worry me at all, Mrs Varadarajan. After ten years of Isabella's cooking I am quite mithridatised." SUCCUSSION (a) Shaking, it may not be widely known that Jerry Lee Lends's masterpiece Whole lotta shakin' gon' on was originally actified as Whole lotta succession goin on. It was changed after protests from higots from the Moral Majority, under the (mistaken) impression that succession referred to an indelicate form of sexual congress.

to The original inhabitant, a posh and highfalutin symonym for aboriginal, from the Greek for 'springing from the ground haelf.' There is no such word as aborigine, but aborigines is an acceptable plural for aboriginals. "So you have qualified not just for your 25-year decanter but for your 30-year silver-plated salver? Truly, Christopher, you are one of the firm's autochibous."

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Store card credit at £600m for Christmas

British consumers used credit like never before in Decem-ber's key Christmas shopping period, according to figures today from the Finance & Leasing Association (FLA).

The association said that

record monthly high of £598
million in December, a jump
of 21 per cent compared with the previous year. In 1995 as a whole, consumers took out more than £20 billion of credit from FLA members, a rise of 16 per cent over 1994.

This is a much larger in-crease than the 7 per cent implied by the Bank of England's consumer credit fig-ures, suggesting that the finance industry has sharply increased its market share.

Training lags

Britain's small firms admit they are not training their staff as much as they should due to lack of time and money, a survey published today claims. Ninety per cent of the 375 companies ques-tioned by the British Cham-Alex Lawrie, the business finance specialist, recognise that their employees skills, particularly on computers, need improving. Most (65 per cent) said management staff needed to upgrade their supervisory skills. But firms are overwhelmingly against compulsory training — just 9 per cent would be in favour. Chris Greenall, BCC head of policy, said: "Training provision in small firms is clearly unsat-

Bulls fading

The latest Merrill Lynch-Gal-lup survey of British fund managers finds that they are becoming less optimistic about the near term and the one-year outlook for UK equities. On balance, the bulls fead the bears by 16 per cent on a three-month view, but this is down from 44 per cent

Clothing boost

Keen pricing by clothing re-tailers boosted consumier spending on clothing, which rose by 45 per cent last year despite the tough market conditions, reports Verdict, the retail specialist. Prospects for 1996 are better than at any time since the late 1980s.

Lloyd's plan

Lloyd's Names will today be given details of Lloyd's £28 billion reconstruction and re-newal plan aimed at resolving the mass of legal actions and at providing them with an affordable exit from the insuance market. Names will not get final figures until March.

THE Bank of England is

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As well as working with the

European Monetary Institute,

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In its Quarterly Bulletin.

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Bank says it has held meetings

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By OUR BUSINESS STAFF

ord Hanson built his £10 billion conglomerate on a single, coherent idea. Quoted companies exist solely to maximise returns to shareholders. That meant delivering more each year. Over the past 15 years, the rest of the Anglo-Saxon world has adopted this harsh but simple discipline. City fund managers now demand no less. They resolved a long-running dispute with big business over "short-termism" with a crushing victory over the managers, aided by the lessons of two recessions. But does it work? As

Lord Hanson, now 74, comes up for retirement, the case is looking shaky.
In the Hanson canon, the annual shareholders' meeting gradually took on an important symbolic role. It was the occasion when the board's report to shareholders demonstrated that it had delivered, and shareholders (aside from the odd misfit or nonfinancial protestor) expressed their gratitude. So it was that, after a depressing six months on the stock market, Lord Hanson pulled off a splendid coup de théatre at the group's agm, aimed to promise better things. Hanson would break itself into four chunks.

All present must have hoped that the share price would perk up in the fortnight before Hanson reported its first-quarter profits this week. It had sagged by an alarming 16 per cent while the index surged by a fifth. The old takeover king certainly tried his best. His plan was typical of the fastmoving opportunism of the halcyon years. By financial engineering,

Times must have changed if Hanson can do no right

Hanson would do unto itself what it had done to so many others. Hanson shares, which had reversed a steep six-month slide in mid-December, immediately jumped. But it did not last. In the next nine trading days, they relapsed to their December low.

Lords Hanson and White could never have turned a £2 million company into a £12 billion conglomerate, at its peak, unless they had the momentum of City sentiment behind them. Now, that sentiment has turned implacably nagative. First, former lans decided that the plan could was not well thought out. Hanson spent £25 billion buying Britain's Eastern electricity utility only five months ago as evidence of its new strategy. Now, Eastern was to be spun off, paired with Peabody, America's biorest and miner. The America's biggest coal miner. Then the new critics convinced themselves that the break-up would merely cut the large dividends that had become the main lure of Hanson shares.

So far, however, few have suggested that Lord Hanson should abandon his Samsonian retirement plan The conglomerate that still brings together plastics, trees, cigarettes and vitamin pills, has been written off. So too, have conglomerates in



dards make it much harder to hide the costs and enhance short-term benefits of takeovers. The spread of the Hanson philosophy and continu-ous cost-cutting in industry has left fewer big targets that can have cash returns quickly boosted to fund the next bioger takeover

next, bigger takeover.

Businesses united by a management system or by financial logic need not, however, be less successful than those linked by marketing, production process or product area. There might be equal sense in linking businesses with opposite cyclical risks or yoking cash-genera-tors with big investments elsewhere.

Hanson itself seems to be following the usual conglomerate cycle. Takeover vehicles depend on being worth more than their parts. Their share rating must be higher than companies they own or buy could justify on their own right. Acquisitive conglomerates usually start with ambitious energetic individuals. Once they have shown some skill, their small company will be given a high hope rating, enabling them to accelerate by buying lower-rated

The bigger they grow, the harder it becomes to keep up the pace. Once momentum slows, the logic unwinds. The share rating slips, making it harder to buy companies for shares and harder to boost earnings from cash takeovers Shares in Hanson now yield 8 per

cent, more than the Government has to pay on its debt. Once the buying and selling no longer generates extra earnings and cash, why should the takeover king's shares be valued higher than its underlying businesses would be. This process has come full circle at Hanson. The knockers have probably overdone things, but they should not have been surprised that Hanson's parts will not earn a

high rating on their own unless they are candidates to be taken over by others. Like Lonrho, Trafalgar House and perhaps next P&O, Hanson's life cycle coincided with the

energies of its creators.

A more critical test will come at BTR, the widely scattered £12 billion group created via a management revolution by young Turks within a sagging rubber group. Its team approach is more systematic, based on management method and insisting on retirement at 60 to keep up the energy. But the new team from outside has yet to prove itself.

Is it politically symbolic that Forte and Hanson, two of the four top

corporate contributors to the Conservanive Party, are now in their twilight, and that a third, P&O, is coming under City pressure? Dominance by individuals probably provides a likelier link. There is, because a wider message from however, a wider message from Hanson's decline. It symbolised the era of industry's adjustment to tough markets, tougher competition and high interest rates. Groups such as Hanson did the economy a service by liberating fat, squeezing costs and rationing investment in mature busi-

Cost disciplines must remain but that adjustment phase is over. The new task is to invest, to grow and to keep ahead of competitors, to create products rather than financial vehicles. The Hanson era has left the wrong people in boardrooms, and the wrong mentality among City

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The patter of tiny Cedrics

THINGS are looking up for the Cedrics of this world. Not only is Cedric Brown soon to retire from British Gas on a handsome pension, but hopes are high on Mudchute City Farm, east London, that Cedric, the 20-stone porker that featured so prominently at British Gas's last annual meeting, is pregnant.
The farm hands are so

excited and have put a circle around the month of May. GMB, the union, which has promised to look after Cedric for the rest of her life, has already chosen a host of names. However, they do resemblance to various executives in the utilities sector.

Blooming timely

HOW appropriate that results for the year ended December 31 for the Jersey-registered Flying Flowers group are due on Wednesday — St Valen-tine's Day. "We chose the day quite deliberately," managing director Tim Dunningham

An arty meal

ERNST & YOUNG, the accountants, are taking the sponsorship of the Tate's Cézanne exhibition seriously. They have already organised that their minibuses, which connect their various offices, should be painted in images of the artist's famous pictures. Even more enticing is the Cézanne week they have organised in their canteen. Nosh will be turned over to Provençal cuisine. "We'll have to survive on Salade Cesannoise and Bouillabaisse Cézanne, though I'd prefer sausages and pommes frites," said an executive. Meanwhile, at Pret A Manger, they're serving Cézannewich.

Graduating

CANTAB Pharmaceuticals the minumology group Cambridge — where else? — has appointed Sir John Collins as its new non-executive chairman and clearly does not bold his university days against him. Sir John is a former chairman and chief executive of Shell UK, is current chief executive of the Vestey group of companies, tor of NM Rothschild & Sons. And where did Sir John graduate with a BSc Agriculture? Reading University.

Tears in beers

BASS brewers are crying in their beer after the oldest Mulberry tree in Cardiff was blown over by high winds in the garden of one of their pubs. The 15ft tree, thought to be about 200 years old, had a preservation order on it, and now the owners of the Nine Giants pub in Llanishen are desperately

Croc cocktail

of lettuce.

Bids threat to merger of MAI and **United News**

fuelling speculation that a bidding war will prevent MAI and United News & Media from completing their £3 biltion merger.

Some of the firms have taken the view that the pro-posed merger, which would be done though a share swap that offers no premium, lacks in-dustrial logic and was proba-bly planned as a defensive move.

Both companies were widely viewed as takeover targets long before the merger plans were announced last Thursday. United was approached last year by a couple of groups that were interested in buying its ailing Express newspaper

Neill Junor of NatWest Securities is one analyst who thinks that the MAI-United merger has, in effect, placed "for sale" signs on the companies. In a note published on Friday, he wrote: "We are not

Consortium and a wide range

It had asked where it would

be of help for the Bank to

specify more precisely its own

operations and to identify

other areas where it might

help to co-ordinate actions (including in the payments

and settlements area and in

The article, by John Townend, a deputy director, adds: "The Bank has also

stressed the importance of considering these questions both in the context of the

United Kingdom as a partici-

pant in Stage 3 and in the

of market associations.

CITY investment firms are ahead. MAI is a critical franchise within the ITV network and we believe that Carlton will be prompted to make a counter-bid."

Michael Green, chief executive of Carlton Communications, the largest ITV company, cut short a Caribbe-an holiday when the MAI-United deal was announced and he is thought to have been approached by institutional investors about launching a counterly deal for MAI. counter-bid for MAL

Mr Green, however, is known to be a conservative investor and has never become involved in a hostile takeover. But one media exec utive noted that unless Mr Green changes his investment stance, the consolidation of the TV industry in advance of the Broadcasting Bill could leave him out in the cold.

The Bill, now making its way through Parliament, allows any group to own as many ITV licences as it wants as long as it does not exceed 15 per cent of the viewing

Carlton, with the London weekday and central England licences, has a 9.4 per cent share. MAI, with the Anglia and Meridian licences, has 5.4 per cent Together, Carlton and MAI would just slip under the limit.

Although Carlton is the most obvious candidate for MAI, others exist. Analysts think the diverse holdings of both MAI and United make them ideal break-up candidates.

MAL, for example, has a

variety of money and securities broking companies that could be sold, while United has a large magazine publish-ing and exhibitions business. If the market were strong and the sales well timed, the purchaser might be able to sell off at a profit the parts he does

Lord Stevens, chairman of United, last week said he did not fear a counter-bid for. United, "If someone wants to bid for us, why haven't they



Hilary Cropper, chief executive, wants to capitalise on growth opportunities in the software and computer services industry

FI Group plans £60m flotation

By MARTIN WALLER

THE £60 million debut of FI Group, a supplier of computer software services, is expected on the stock market this

Hilary Cropper, chief exec-utive, said floration would help the company to capitalise on the expected growth opporfunities in the software and computer services industry.

The company, the subject of a 1991 buyout by its workforce, concentrates on the finance, retail, leisure and service sectors. FI's customers are typically large organ-isations requiring large-scale, integrated information tech-

The float will be by way of a placing, with UBS and Graville & Co appointed joint sponsors and UBS the company's broker. The busine which was founded in 1962, made pre-tax profits of £2.1 million on turnover of £37.4 million for the six months to October 31.

nology services.

Revlon stake for sale in international offering

FROM RICHARD THOMPSON IN NEW YORK

RON PERELMAN, the US entrepreneur, is trying to sell about 15 per cent of Revion for \$150 million, in an international share offering that values the company at only half the amount of earlier failed

The new offering, in which shares will be sold in London as well as the US and other financial centres, prices Revion shares at about \$20 each and the whole company at \$1 billion. But it is a highly risky move that could backfire on Mr Perelman if it fails as the previous attempts have done. The offering is partly designed to raise much-needed capital so that Mr Perelman can meet an obligation to pay \$1.1 billion to the company's bondholders in less than two vears' time. If he misses the

deadline, he will lose control of the company. Revion is unable to generate the cash required to meet the payment because of its mounting debt and persistent losses over the last few years which turned into a profit of only \$3.3 million in the last quarter of 1995 after savage price-cutting boosted sales.

in order to stimulate interest in the sale, Mr Perelman has substantially lowered his sights. Although the \$20 offer price is similar to that at which he tried to sell the shares on his first attempt in 1992, analysts said that the equivalent value after accounting for share splits and other financial engineering over the last few years, is closer to \$9.50, despite the overall rise in the stock market over the same period. Because of the lower value, there are 11 underwriters for the issue including many of Wall

Street's biggest broking firms.

Mr Pereiman, who bought

the company six years ago in a bitterly contested takeover battie, sounded out the stock market about a share issue last summer but was forced to abandon the idea after opposition from Wall Street. He then had to watch in

frustration as Estée Lauder, a leading rival in the cosmetics industry, pulled off a highly successful share offering several weeks ago. The falling value of Revion's shares reflects the poor performance of the company, which has turned out to be one of Mr Perelman's worst investments. It has made a loss in every year since 1990.

in 1991, losses soared to nearly \$200 million, shrinking to about \$10 million last year. in the meantime, debt has risen and even attempts at financial engineering by entering into interest-rate swaps have lost the company money.

looking for a new root.

REGULARS at the Ebury Wine Bar, in Ebury Street, have a treat in store this summer. Chef Josh Hampton, fresh from New Zealand, who has already introduced City diners to the delights of kangaroo, hopes to tickle taste buds with crocodile on a bed

COLIN CAMPBELL

with different interest groups, context of Stage 3 beginning but the United Kingdom exerincluding building societies, the Confederation of British cising its right not to opt in." Industry, the British Retail

Australian tourism boost

Campaign spends £49m to lure UK visitors

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE EN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA'S tourism in-dustry is poised to launch its biggest ever marketing campaign next month in a bid to lure more British visitors.

Under the slogan "The sooner you go, the longer the memories" the A\$100 million

(£49.5 million) three-year campaign hopes to persuade people to take their holiday of a lifetime now rather than taying it until they are older. Touriers is now Australia's Tourism is now Australia's biggest export industry. ahead of the country's traditional exports of coal, wool and gold, and last year generated export earnings of A\$12 billion an increase of nearly 17 per cent on 1904. It accounts



Koala: Australia's old look

for almost 13 per cent of total export earnings. John Morse, general manager of the Australian Tour-forecast to rise in nea ism Commission's marketing 500,000 by the year 2000.

services division, said: "In the past two years we have found that while Australia is top of the list of places people would most like to visit, there is a big gap between that and the imber of people who actually come here. What we need to: more compelling destination, to make people say: I have to go now." He added: The image of Australia in the UK has become bland because of the way it is portrayed in scap operas. We are trying to give Australia a more exotic

Last year more than 350,000 British people visited Austraha an increase of 6.5 per cent on 1994 and that figure is forecast to rise to nearly



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What turned Nick Leeson into a criminal?

Stephen Fay, in a new book, follows

the route from

Watford school

to Singapore jail

The education of Nick Leeson began at Kingsway Junior Mixed School, and continued at Parmiters in the neighbouring suburb of Garston. Parmiters, once a grammar school in Bethnal Green in east London, had moved to the country and become a comprehensive school. But its grammar-school roots were still in evidence; the pupils were expected to wear a uniform, and encouraged to develop expectations. A former Governor of the Bank of Canada was an Old Parmitarian.

Leeson's O-level results were the work of a steady, if unspectacular student. At Parmiters, he showed promise as a footballer; he was a sweeper at the back; not big — about 5ft 10in — but fairly skilful. He also became a prefect. But this picture is misleading; in fact, Leeson's late adolescence and early manhood were a bitterly exacting time for him. In the classroom, he proved a disappointment. His A-level results were dismal: a C in English literature and a D in history; maths

Leeson did go to work in a bank, but not in the high street. Parmiters had not lost its link with the City of London when it moved to Watford. He was hired by Coutts & Co. one of the prestigious names of British banking. though by 1985, when Leeson joined, its independence was a thing of the past, and Coutts was a subsidiary of

Working for Coutts set Leeson apart from his hard-drinking, football-play-ing friends. Celebrating the 21st birthday of one of the gang rather too well in Harlow, they were put in the cells to sober up. On their release, y from the rest by the policeman pehind the desk. With his Coutts & Co cheque book and cash card, Leeson seemed not to belong quite in that company. They were lager louts; he already had the trappings of a Yuppie. By 1989, after gaining experience in the fast-growing Japanese market

at Morgan Stanley, Leeson was working for Barings Securities. Later, Leeson told Stephen Pollard (his lawyer in London) that, at about this time, he began to feel "schizo-phrenic" (his word). He spent the week in the City performing complicated tasks, and the weekend with his pals who had no idea what he did. At the weekend, it was the usual round of beer and football (birds seem to have come a distant third).

Colleagues from the early 1990s remember a young man who tended to keep himself to himself. He did not make close friends at work and when he did join colleagues for a drink, his consumption was modest: "Nick got quite giggly after a couple of pints," says Guy (John Guy, the Barings executive who first hired Leeson).

At Morgan Stanley, the environment had been highly disciplined; at Baring Securities, it was organised chaos. Problem-solving took a high priority. In 1990, a problem arose in Jakarta which required a team of four to sort out. Two were to come from Hong Kong, and two from London. Guy thought Leeson was the right man for that job, but the second person was less obvious. Guy took a risk. Despite the fact that she had only just joined Barings, he asked a lively young woman called Lisa Sims to join Leeson in Indonesia. She was the daughter of a newspaper printer, pretty and bright. They would be gone for some months.

When they got back from Indonesia. Guy noticed that Leeson was solicitous of Lisa, blushing on her behalf when she overheard dirty jokes, "She was one of the lads, but he always treated her like a lady," says Guy. They announced their engagement shortly after their return.

HIS MOTHES

Leeson had shown ingenuity and bravado in perpetrating his fraud and carrying out his forgeries, but there was no end game: no hidden bank



Leeson presented himself as open and genuine. Nobody ever said he was shifty or thought him likely to be a liar

The inside track on the boy who broke the bank

would be found out. He told Stephen Pollard that if he had tried the same game at Morgan Stanley, he would have been exposed within two months. He might have been lucky to last that

At Barings, he kept the ball in play for 32 months, and, much as he longed to be caught, his prevarication delayed his final exposure by Tony Railton for one further week. Only his disappear-ance finally set all the alarm bells

Leeson's grand fraud had taken place in an extraordinarily fertile environment. Barings lacked the cynicism about human nature, the relentless management style, and the advanced computer systems to catch him. The Bank of England placed too much reliance on Barings' good name, and lacked the know-how of preventative regulation. SIMEX (the Singapore market) was willing to bend its rules to take business from its main competitor in Osaka.

Indeed, the management style of Barings was so inadequate that it is hard to believe that the bank could have survived much longer as an independent entity. It required new capital, but, more than that, it needed executive flair. Senior directors had told Andrew Tuckey as much before 23 February 1995.

Leeson was a fraud in the right company, in the right place, at the right time. But to argue, as John Koh (his Singapore lawyer) did, that he was not guilty because his bosses account that could have financed a failed to stop him is a threadbare fugitive existence. He knew that he defence. Now the story has been

investigated and told, the conclusion to be liked as a good and caring ments ... In this atmosphere, as his must be that, no matter how vulnerable Barings had become, Leeson was the man principally responsible for bankrupting it. He was given the opportunity — but why did he take it? What was his motive?

Money must certainly have been a motive. Leeson wanted to be a trader because traders make big money. His own career was proof of this. His 1992 bonus of £35,746 rose to £130,000 for 1993. Had he not been exposed - or had his profits been genuirie - Leeson would have earned, on top of a decent salary. £450,000 for 1994. These bonuses total more than £600,000, a sum which many dedicated criminals would feel proud to get away with.

eeson was not a great spender. His sister, Victoria, report-ed that "he doesn't exactly throw his money around. though whenever the family needed help. he gave it. His ilat in Anguilla Road was not luxurious; relaxing at home, he liked watching football and movies on the video. He and Lisa travelled widely, but the firm often paid for that. He appears to have had no expensive habits.

But spending is not necessarily the main motive for earning. Leeson's earnings were a status symbol: they did indeed amount to "shagloads" - a great deal more than his former schoolmates at Parmiters were getting. Even so, it is hard to believe that money could have been his only motive. Popularity must have come into it. too. The Boy Scout in Leeson wanted colleague.

Pleasing Lisa is another plausible motive. His wife had replaced his mother as the person whose approval he sought: "She's a very strong lady," he told David Frost. When the sale of the rights to his autobiography were being discussed, one of his preoccupations was that there should be enough money for Lisa to live on, and to travel to visit him in jail. For some months, I thought she must have known about his fraud: it was the kind of secret impossible to hide from a wife. Now, I' believe I was wrong. Leeson's ability. to conceal the part of him that perpetuated the fraud enabled him to eceive Lisa too.

None of these partial motives fully explains the premeditated nature of Leeson's crime. His plan was conceived before Barings started to trade on SIMEX, and set in motion at the first possible opportunity. What he had learned in the settlements office and the business development group at Barings made him believe that he could pull off his great deception. After to have decided that the odds against a speedy discovery were long enough. In no other case, ever, has an employee's scorn for his bosses proved so costly.

Class resentment? The only evid-

ence of strong class feeling within the family comes from Victoria Leeson. After the collapse, she said: "They seem to be saying that if you're working class, you should be working as a dustman or a shop assistant. They're will. Somewhere, it — or something trying to belittle him. In the early like it — is happening now.

complacency at the heart of Barings

1990s, there was still plenty of belitt-ling of the clerks by the toffs at Barings. Leeson may, like most Barings Securities people, have had no time for the stuffy bankers, and, as a Yuppie, he may have felt contempt for the privileged class. But Leeson aspired to membership of the moneyed class.

A therapist would also look for motive in the dark, hidden part of Leeson's nature. The analysis might go like this: Barings would take on the attributes of a parent — feeding Leeson, training him, and nurturing him. In return for this, the "parent" expected obedience and loyalty. Leeson's resentment of this would lead him to bite the hand that fed him.

Having examined Leeson's years of deception, what strikes me most strongly is the way he was able to esent himself as open and genuine Nobody ever said be was shifty; nobody thought him likely to be a liar. When he prevaricated and dodged questions, he was always given the benefit of the doubt.

In Singapore, Leeson fived out a masy life. He wanted to be the big, swinging dick, a legendary money maker, like Christopher Heath — the man whose huge profits swelled the bonuses. And for 32 months he committed fraud and forgery to sustain this "golden boy" image of himself. The part of him that must have known it couldn't last was uppressed to the bitter end.

The answer to the absorbing ques tion about motives must be in all, or some, of these explanations. I doubt whether Leeson could give a full

Fay's final conclusions on the Leeson

fraud make uneasy reading:

Banks, especially in the City, learnt one lesson and forgot another. Barings' collapse, showed that banks should either be small or big, there is no security in the middle ground. A small bank trades with clients money, and lives of the fees it earns. Proprietary trading is a game only for

ig banks that have deep pockets. When these banks take huge daily positions in foreign exchange markets, they are gambling: they cannot know whether the price is going to rise or fall. And if there is an endemic risk in derivatives markets, the great British clearing banks are taking a share of it. vith the banks and securities houses in New York, Tokyo and elsewhere. The only people who benefit from the proprietary positions taken by the big banks are the staff and the shareholders, who receive bonuses and dividends. The customer's interests come last.

Will the lessons that have been been prevent the recurrence of a disaster like the collapse of Barrigs Consider this observation in one report of inquiry: "In part, because of the importance to the firm's business. this department appears to have insulated itself from its other depart-

apparent profitability increased he himself was able to put up a front of unapproachability and secrecy when inquiries about his trading activities arose. Throughout the firm, scepti-cism about his activities was often dismissed or left unspoken.

This is not a comment on Barings. The subject is Joseph Jett, who, as head of Kidder Peabody's government-debt trading desk in New York. claimed a false profit of \$350 million. Jett's fraud was exposed in April 1994; after he had been doing it for two years. At the time, Leeson's losses were rising fast. During the summer of 1995, Eddie George (Governor of the Bank of England) was more sanguine: as a result of the Barings collapse, he thought it was unlikely that a similar catastrophe would occur. "I'd be quite surprised to find, at any time in the next ten years, that somebody was allowed to be in charge of trading and the back office."

By coincidence, I was on the floor of SIMEX in September when news flashed up the screen above the trading floor: a Daiwa trader named Iguchi had lost \$1.1 million in 30,000 tinauthorised trades that had-taken place in New York over 11 years. Like Leeson, Iguchi had been running both the front and the back offices, even after Leeson's fraud had made headlines around the world and shaken trading desks in every market.

Will an event like the collapse of Barings happen again? Of course it

Taking points off Henry

So far as their judgment on Henry VIII is concerned, quite a lot divides the four historians taking part in this history quiz. No two: divides the four historians taking part in this history quiz. No two experts ever come to exactly the same conclusions about anything Ultimately, however, only one point separates the teams when the MC. Ronald Hutton, tots up the scores. Actually, this competitive element is an irrelevance. You cannot award points in a contest in which there can be no definitive answers, only interpretations. These four historians do not talk like historians. "Nonsense" one of them tells his rival. "Jane Seymour didn't have two brain cells to rub together." says another. In the same unacademical vein is the disclosure that Henry's waist measurement was 54 inches.

Composer of the Week: Irving Berlin. Radio 3, noon.

For Radio 3 loyalists, it used to be a jaw-dropping experience when Composer of the Week featured the music of a writer of popular diffies. Not any longer. The object, no doubt, has been to widen the network's appeal. But sometimes, it is just plain common sense. Irving Berlin wrote songs that, in some ways, made him the 20th century's equivalent of Schubert—an astonishing achievement considering, he never had any formal musical training. Paul Guinery's five-part series about Berlin starts with his early years. His output was prodicions. Even with five bours of Radio 3 time at his output was prodigious. Even with five hours of Radio 3 time at his disposal, can Gumery do Berlin justice? Peter Davalle.

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balance innovation and basince innovation and tradition, beginning with Vaughan Williams and the tolk song movement

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11.30-12.30am Ensemble, in the first of two programmes, Audubon Quartet performs Beethoven (String Quartet in C minor); Dobramy (String Quartet No 2 in D flat)
1.00-1.40 Night School, Letterbox 1.20 Singing Together

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12.00 News; You and Yours
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John Amis, Jeremy J. Beadle
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Laurie Taylor
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11.06 Education Matters (LW)

11.30-12.00 After Eden (FM only).
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11.30 Today, in Parliament (LW)

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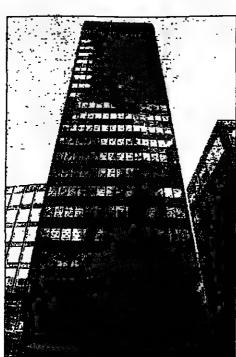
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The bank so arrogant, it always arrived late distinguished member of Discretion gave way to arrogance and



The Barings head office in Bishopsgate

A the Baring family, who remains anonymous — be would not have spoken at all had he thought he might be identified - recalls Baring Brothers' image of itself during the banking crisis of 1974. A number of fringe banks that had lent unwisely to property speculators had failed, and the virus spread so fast that the Bank of England had to reassure the City about the soundness of even the National Westminster Bank. But at 8 Bishopsgate, Baring Brothers was untroubled. It had never been tempted to plunge into the property business. The nameless Baring places the fingers of both hands together, and smiles. "We felt we weren't clever enough," he says.

He was expressing, simultaneously, the instinctive conservatism and complacency of recent generations of Barings, their Olympian detachment and the discretion one would expect from the Queen's bankers.

All these attributes play a

significant part in this story. because they help explain why it is that, while individual Barings can be delightful and intelligent company, their name stirs strong feelings, few of them sympathetic.

Picture the start of a meeting between Baring Brothers and one of its corporate clients. The clients are present, but there are no Barings. Barings always arrive late. This act of self-conscious arrogance is intended to suggest that the clients are lucky to be in

It is part of the Baring inheritance, along with experience, occasional flashes of ruthlessness and an inherent sense of superiority. These qualities created a mystique about Baring Brothers, and without it the the confidence it did.

When that lofty arrogance was brought low, the hefty bonuses partners were accustomed to did not cease. Fay notes, and several senior executives stayed around. The true victims were elsewhere. Victims came from inside as

well as outside the bank. Twentyone men and women who were judged responsible for Leeson's fraud were "summarily dismissed in July, whether or not they had "resigned" in May.

To some, this was too much to bear. On receiving the hand-delivered dismissal letter from ING. one senior manager locked himself in the lavatory and wept. Some could not stop picking obsessively over the pieces; others immersed themselves in conspiracy theories. The lives of name would not have inspired, many were blighted, and the ... effect on their families was

profound. Leeson had made fools of them all. But the principal victims of Leeson's fraud were the bond-

holders. Late in 1993, Barings had raised £100 million by issuing a perpetual loan at 94 per cent. Normally, perpetual loans of this kind are taken by insurance companies and pension funds but, with interest rates beginning to fall, the Barings bond offered an unusually attractive return.

Brokers bought chunks of the loan and divided it up, selling it on to individual clients. So the creditors included people like a south London doctor, a vicer in North Wales, and a retired army officer. Many had invested part of their retirement savings. ING (the new owner) offered to pay only 5p in the pound, with the possibility of another 20p at some future

The Collapse of Barings by Ste-phen Fay is published on Febru-ary 23 by Richard Cohen Books, priced £20.

Welcome to fresh fields and pastors new

A the genre of harmless Sunday night drama is the prevalence of the colour green. Think of Trainer. The Vet, Lovejoy. Hamish Macbeth, even Pie in the Sky - in every cinematic shot there's an emerald sward singing la-la-la with colour and refreshing our souls for Monday morning. Kieran Prendiville, creator of the new Ballykissangel (BBCl), has taken this principle to its logical conclusion. This is where the 40 shades of green come from," said. sceptical Assumpta, driving the new English priest towards the idyllic frish village with the heavenly name. And Forty Shades would make a good title for the show, in a way, since the gradations of the priest's own verdancy are likely to provide key interest in the weeks ahead.

For Father Peter is green, all ght. "That's beautiful," he right, "That's beautiful," he breathes when he first sees his

n important element in the genre of harmless Sun-the genre of harmless Sun-other," quips Assumpta. In last night's episode, he arrived in mufti (with his brutally short hair, more like an off-duty squaddie than a cleric), moved into his surprisingly well-accoutred house, and was immediately confronted with an unusual problem - a luxury confessional, donated by a pushy parishioner, and modelled on a public lavatory. Now, the question was, would Good Young Priest make a stand against Wicked Bent Businessman? Well, let's just say that like all the best heroes, he may be wet behind the ears, but he still has something between them.

I liked Ballykissangel. Like Kieran Prendiville's other dramatic venture. Roughnecks, it is formulaic yet concentrates maximum attention on the individuals, creating good material for the actors here beautifully east, with Stephen Tompkinson as Peter, Dervla Kirwan as Assumpta, and Tony Doyle

as the lavatory importer. These three represent faith, doubt and sin. I suspect; so good luck to them as they thrash it out. Ballykissangel is the sort of place where young men still fret about mortal sin before having sex, yet by a stroke of good fortune religious lervour is not reflected in interior design - no tacky madonnas; no praying hands glowing in the dark. Father Peter's house is done out like a Cotswold cottage. Oh yes, a little piece of heaven fell from out the sky one day, but it wasn't in Ireland exactly.

sn't it always the way - that you have your deepest and longest discussions in the wrong part of the house? Instead of sitting somewhere comfy with a nice drink, earnest thoughts overtake you while you stand on one leg at the bathroom door, or hunch in the car with shopping defrosting round your legs. As Ruby Wax last



Truss



night shoved her way through Roseanne Barr's luxury horae, scattering insults ("Why do I get the idea this house was decorated an hour ago?"), you might have assumed a heart-to-heart was out of the question. They visited the Doll Room ("Wow, are you nuts!") and dressed up in funny headgear from her fancy-dress cupboard.

But suddenly, standing in the

dressing room - between unflat-

cussed Roseanne's mistakes - her 'dumb" marriage; her prostitution; her eating disorders. This was after a hysterical analysis of the function of the male sex ("Yes they can have control, but only in two areas," said Roseanne, laughing. "Starting barbecues is one; the other is walking around in packs and peeing on things.") By now, she and Rube were the biggest pals - Ruby's method of making friends being that interesting throwback to subservient monkey behaviour rarely observed these days in celebrity interviews, ie. tweaking the breasts of the bigger woman, and polishing her teeth

with your finger.
Ruby Wax Meets ... (BBCI) has become unmissable. What made last night's show especially engrossing was that Roseanne Barr is nobody's parsy. Unlike Irnelda Marcos or Parnela Anderson, she

tering mirrors, the crew visible in has an intelligence unclouded by multiple reflections — they disvanity. "I know your tricks," she warned Ruby, and she meant it. At the end, she announced to camera: I went through the fire and emerged with only a tan." She was talking about her marriage to Tom Arnold, but it applied to Ruby, too.

> eturning from holiday this weekend, I found Paul Merton on Friday night doing Tony Hancock's The Radio Ham. and nearly decided to give it all up again. People keep insisting that in assessing Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's ... (ITV), comparisons with the lad himself are immaterial, but I don't buy that. Merton is a superbly clever improviser and a lousy actor — the inverse of Hancock's own strengths. Yes, the scripts still sparkle, and references to teddy boys can be dropped. But Merton gets laughs by the speed of his fielding. His lines don't come from thought, much less from

cerned the famous ravaged milkbottle top. "Don't want to get Mad Tit Disease!" he yelled - a new line, presumably written by Galton and Simpson to suit the delivery of their new star.

Last night a new Agatha Christie's Poirot on ITV took a bloody long time to establish the solution to Murder on the Links. And if I may say so, there was not half enough golf in it. Over on BBCl, Donna Franceschild's superior drama A Mug's Game reached three-quarter mark with great events - poisoned fish floating belly-up; a hoating disaster; and Kathy's neer-do-well husband leaving home with the VCR. Crushingly. Kathy (Michelle Fairley) told her besotted boss, Ken Stott, "You're very sweet", at which Stott's wonderful face sagged helplessly. When a woman says you are sweet, you know you've been kidding yourself.

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (47102) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (65763) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceetax)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (3166034) 9.45 Kilroy. Topical discussion (s) (2643378) 0.30 Good Morning (s) (35299)

12.00 News (Ceefax), and weather (6953015) 12.05pm Turnabout (s) (9404183) 12.30 Going for a Song (s) (73831) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceelax) and weather (35522) 1,30 Regional News (Ceefax) and weather (77537980) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (34322367)

2.00 Pebble Mill (s) (9600218) 2.40 Rich Man, Poor Man (4973893) 3.30 The Busy World of Richard Scarry (s) (7809270) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (r) (s) (1334367) 4.10 Chipmunks Go to the Movies (r) (s) (6819015) 4.35 The Genie from Down Under (Ceejax) (s)

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6.30 Regional News Magazines (251) 7.00 Noel's Telly Years. The year in question is 1979. Showlumper Lucinda Green, Jon Pertwee, Steeplejack Fred Dibnah, and Lennie Bennett, look back at 1979 (Ceetax) (s) (6611)

7.30 Watchdog. Consumer magazine

8.00 EastEnders. Steve is concerned for Lydia's safety and David and Carol wonder what Ricky is up to. (Ceelax) (e)

pushing for Gary to get a proper job; while his life in wartime London seems (Cestax) (s) (5096)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Cestart), regional news and weather (9034)

9.30 Panorama, is the comprehensive system lating our children? David Dimbleby chairs a studio debate (Ceetax) (330183) 10.10 FILM: Raising Cain (1992) starring John Lithgow and Lolita Davidovich. Complex, -acted thriller about an unhinged child psychologist who kidneps children for his psychologist father's dubious research. Directed by Brian De Palma (Ceefax) (9) (7452541) N.J.: 10.10 Country Times 10.40 FILM: Reising Cain 12.10em Film 96 12.40-2.10 FILM: You Talkin' to Me? WALES: 10.10 Tide-Race 11.00 FILM: Reising Cain 12.30am Film 96 1.00-2.45 FILM: Mixed Company

11.40 Film 96 with Barry Norman. Includes reviews of Jurnanji with Robin Williams: and Othallo with Laurence Fishburne and Kenneth Branegh (155522)

12.10 FiLM: Mixed Company (1974) slaming Berbera Herris and Joseph Bologna. bout of mumps makes a tether-of-thre stenie. However, his wrie is keen to add to their family and adopts an African American boy, then a Vietnamese girl and a Hopi Indian boy.... Directed by Melville Shavelson (188771)

1,55am Weather (6385706)

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BBC2

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceelax and signing) (s) (8397386)

7.30 Stingray (r) (53928) 8.00 Blue Peter (r)
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(8470812) 10.45 Look and Read
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11.40 The Ancient Mariner (2676299)
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The Making of the United Kingdom (22073096) 1.20 Portrait of Europe (22086560) 1.40 Storytime (34320909)

2.00 Joshua Jones (36530096) 2.10 Holiday Outlings (r) (s) (10904367)

2.15 FiLM: Passport to Terror (1989) slarring Lee Remick, A fact-based drama about a woman's dream cruise turning into a nightmare. Directed by Lou Antonik (824552) 3.55 News (Ceelax) (1951299) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (164) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (676) 5.00 Esther (s)

5.30 World Skling Championships (928) 6.00 Space Precinct (Ceetax) (a) (496305) 6.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (r)

7.30 CHOCE Hidden Empire: Behind the Mask (Csefax) (s) (305) 8.00 Horizon: Mesters of the ionosphere (Ceelax) (s) 362015)

8.50 Trade Secrets. Carpenters reveal the tricks of their trade. (Ceelax) (s) (493367)



Daniel Craig and Mark Strong (9.00pm)

9.00 Our Friends in the North, it is 1974 and Geordie (Danlel Craig) la in Jali, Nicky la planning revolution from a sausage lactory while Tosker's (Mark Strong) and Mary's marriage is an empty shell while, time has run out for Nicky's former mentor. Donahue, but not before he offera Nicky some valuable edvice (Ceetax) (s) (2720909)

10.10 The Travel Show Essential Guides Arthur Smith cycles away from the tourisi haunts of Ibica. Plus advice on renting an entire island (Ceetax) (s) (962893)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (102657)

12.30em-6.00 The Learning Zone

11.15 The Braine Trust. Joining The Times's Mary Ann Sieghart this week are the scientist Lewis Wolpert, the philosopher Edward De Bono, the novelist A.S. Byatt and the theatre director Jonathan Milk (s) (847788) WALES: 11.15 Wales 2006 11.55 Weather (119980) 12.00 Midnight Hour (s) (86990)

CHOICE Hidden Empire: Behind the Mask

BBC2, 7.30pm The series which has offered a valuable corrective to Anglocentric accounts of the British Empire concludes by reconstructing a discreditable episode in the history of Wes Africa. For 1,000 years the Kingdom of Benir (now part of Nigeria) had proudly resisted foreign occupation. But in the 1890s Britain, determined to exploit the region's raw materials, sent in a military expedition to depose the Benin king and take control. The invasion was resisted and its leader, James' Phillips, was killed. The British press reported the treacherous massacre of a peaceful diplomatic mission and the British Government retaliated by burning Benin's main city and looting its treasures, including main city and looting its treasures, including ancient bronze masks. Ben Okri, the Booker prizewinning novelist, says the theft destroyed the Benin people's spirit and

Horizon: Masters of the Ionosphere

BBC2, 8.00pm There is nothing new under the sun, even in the ionosphere which fills the gap between the Earth's atmosphere and outer space. Before the First World War Nikola Tesla, a Croatlan-born physicist working in New York, suggested a defence system around the United States which uncannily anticipated President Reagan's Star Wars, Nothing came of it, nor of Tesla's notion of sending and receiving wireless signals. Marconi pipped him there. But Tesla still has an honoured place in Tim Haines's film about a century of attempts to master the ionosphere. Many have been made by the American military, and not without controversy. The latest is a machine in Alaska which beams electrical energy up into the ionosphere. Whether the ultimate purposes are benign or sinister is a matter of continuing concern.

Classic Ships: Lazy Days

Pleasure craft are the latest topic as this Pleasure craft are the latest topic as this agreeable series launches another wallow in boating nostalgia. We begin in late Victorlan times, when the boat to be seen in was the long and slender rowing skiff, with its gold paint and velver cushions. But this was also the age of steam, as typified by the Alaska, launched in 1833 and still in use. A big, noisy passenger boat, she offered a five-day trip from Kingston upon Thames to Oxford and from Kingston upon Thames to Oxford and back and heaven help the smaller boats which got in her path. Lake Windermere liternative to the Thames, though by the First World War all its boats had switched from steam to petrol. The film also recalls the the pleasure boats' finest hour, when the helped to evacuate more than 300,000

Island of Dreams Channel 4, 9,00pm

We do not hear any but it is a fair guess that the Greek island of Zakynthos has more than its share of mother-in-law jokes. The island's mothers are fiercely protective of their sons and especially if the boys marry British women, Suzy, who had a promising career and a fiance, came to Zakynthos on holiday in 1982 and never went back. She fell in love with Denis, a farmer's son, married him and had two children. But she found that mother-in-law ruled the family, with herself in third or fourth place after the dog. Dia is another Briton who fell for an islander and found herself having to contend with his formidable mother. Suzy and Dis are among four real-life Shirley Valentines featured in a watchable three-part series from the team which made Coast of Dreams, about expats

6.00am GMTV (63638)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (3141725) 9.55 Regional News (Telelext) (5430541) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (1681560) 10.35 This Morning (15549367) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6959209) 12.30 News, weather (Teletext) (3293034)

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3278725) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s)

(57824454) 2.25 Chain Letters (Teletaxt) (s) (57843589) 2.50 Simply Delicious with Family and Friends (3630812)

3.20 News headlines (Teletaxi) (2980631) 3.25 Regional News (Teleted) (2989102) 3.30 Rainbow Days (8) (1359676) 3.40 Total TV (s) (3367386) 3.50 Disney's Gooty (3356270) 4.00 Scooby Doc (5576270) 4.15 Harry's Mad (Teletext) (s) (996367) 4.45 Art Attack (Teletext) (s) (9818544)

5.10 The List (8354270) 5,40 News and weather (Teleted) (547251) 6.00 Home and Away. A mysterious American girl errives in town (r) (Teletext) (a) (163283)

6.25 HTV News (Teletaxt) (120034) 6.46 Sportsweek (Teletext) (610396) 7.00 Taiking Telephone Numbers. Game show with the big money prize (s) (2909)

7,30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (831)

8.00 World in Action: Strange Customs. A look at how members of the public are helping Customs in its war against drugs. (Teletext) (a) (1657) 8.30 The Paranormal World of Paul

McKenna, The world of dowsers and psychics (Teletext) (s) (1544)



Adem Levy os Sam Kline (9.00pm)

9,00 Call Red. Kline is taced with a moral diernma atter witnessing the death of drug dealer (Teletext) (s) (2473) 10,00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (45657)

10.30 Regional News (769589)

10.40 Bend of Gold. In the last of the series about a group of women who have been working as prostitutes. Rose returns to Bradford with new skills for Joyce's business venture, while Carol's fears prove to be justified (r) (Teletext) (s) (395270)

11.40 Tales from the Crypt (145522) 12.10 Bushell on the Box (s) (6869936) 12.40 Football Extra (5737049) 1.25 Customs Classified (5204597) 2.10 Music Box Profile (7406226) -2.30 International Athletics (r) (257503) 4.20 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (1504752) 5.00 An invitation to Remember (r) (54400) 5.30 Morning News (36495)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 5.10pm-5.40 Ready Money (8384270) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (285386)

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6.00 The Cosby Show (r) (Teletext) (909) 6.30 Hollyoaks (Teletext) (a) (589) 7.00 Channel & News (Teletect) (303541) 7,55 The Sict. Video sospook (620164)

5.00 Screaming Reels Investigates the controversy surrounding the comprent, whose growing population is, according to angiers, depicing list stocks. A fishery owner, a representative from the RSPB and a apokesman for the Salmon and and a spokesman for the Salmon and Trout Authority join the debate (Teleflext)

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Suzy met Denie on Zakynthos (9.00pm)

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edult down to instinct, or do we have to glean much from our perents' careful guidance (r) (Teletekt) (s) (242218) 12.45am FiLM: Moss Rose (1947, b/w). Murder mystery set in London at the turn of the century. Peggy Currymins is a charus airl who sees her involvement with

a wealthy edmirer, Victor Meture, as a way to fulfil her dreams of escaping her lower-class mosts. But soon she begins to suspect that the man is guilty of murder. Directed by Gregory Ratoff (552226) 2.15 The Other Americas; New World, New Order. Tonght's film focuses on Argentina (r) (s) (686077). Ends at 3.15

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SKY ONE 7.00am Boled Egg and Soldiers (93589) 8.30 Press Your Luck (2352638) 8.50 Love Connection (6081305) 9.30 Count TV (255541) 9.50 Open Whitely (860047) 10.40 Leopardy (1630299) 11.10 Sally Connection (6081305) 9-20 Coun 14 (4265541) 9-50 Corni Whitery (4960547) 10-40 Jeopardy (1630299) 11-10 Sally Jessy Raphael (8308015) 12-00 Beachy (24134) 1-00per The Webtors (14102) 2-00 Geraldo (75978) 3-00 Count V (4385) 3-30 Copral Windsey (6481589) 4-15 Undun (2146522) 5-00 Ster Trek. The Next Generation (5589) 6-00 The Surpsons (5589) 6-30 Jeopardy (9541) 7-00 LAPO (6367) 7-30 MAYSTH (5725) 8-00 Central Park West (51857) 8-00 Perior Rescue (31833) 10-00 Ster Trek The Next Generation (34980) 11-00 Law and Order (90473) 12-00 Last Show with David Letterman (2916767) 12-455mm The Untouchables (5226866) 1-30 Sibs (95988) 2-00 Hz Mot Long Play

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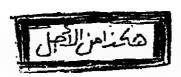
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OIL GIANTS TO UNVEIL THEIR FULL-YEAR FIGURES

BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Britain claims European lead in job creation

success today for Britain's economic and labour market performance when it unveils detailed figures showing the UK's strong pattern of un-employment reduction and ob creation sharply outperforming its principal compe-

The figures will be used to stiffen the Tories' resolve to oppose the more regulated work patterns common on the Continent and being threatened by Brussels through the social chapter. Ministers expect that new statistics on the number of people out of work and claiming benefit to be published this week will show

in the US proposed by

Farnell Electronics, the York-

shire distribution group, faces a rocky passage at this

Thursday's extraordinary

meeting, with a significant block of City shareholders

pledged to oppose it. So far, institutions speak-

ing for as much as 12 per cent

of Farnell's share capital are

expected to vote against the purchase of Premier Indus-

trial Corporation. The Pru-

dential, with almost 6 per cent, said it would decide

today, but is thought to be in

of 75 per cent of those voting.

Farnell's last annual meeting

saw a 55 per cent poll. A repe-

tition of this would allow the

deal to proceed as long as not

too many other institutions

Farnell has, however, writ-

side with the opposition.

the opposition camp.

ment, with City and Whitehall forecasts suggesting unem-ployment fell 10,000 in January to just over 2.2 million.
Before that, Gillian

Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, will today set out in detail Britain's recent jobs performance against that of other European countries and will claim that it demonstrates the value to the British economy of the Government's decision to promote a flexible labour market.

She is expected to publish new work carried out by the Department for Education and Employment looking at

ing the view that the acquisi-

tion of Premier and the

accompanying rights issue

Three of the company's four

largest shareholders, hold-

ing between them 24 per

cent of the votes, are sup-

The fourth is the Prudential.

the Premier deal is Stan-

dard Life, the Scottish insti-

tution with 2 per cent of Farnell. Graham Wood,

head of UK equities, said he

had supported the rights

issue despite existing doubts

being paid and the dilution

of earnings that the pur-

chase of Premier entailed.

The institution had last

month planned to sell some

of its Farnell shares, but was

unable to do so when in-

formed of the US purchase.

Leading the opposition to

Farnell deal faces

City opposition

BY MARTIN WALLER

records of job growth in France, Germany, Spain and Britain.She will conclude that on both counts, Britain's flexioutperforming the more regulated job markets in such

The Institute of Directors calls today for a "radical rethink" of Europe's social policies and contrasts the job performance of Europe generally against the much higher levels of job creation in the heavily-deregulated labour market in America. The international comparisons, such as Mrs Shephard's em-

pected to be used by the Govtitiveness White Paper. Ministers are also close to give new opportunities for work experience to 14-16-yearold schoolchildren. They are determined to ride out what they see as wholly misplaced

criticism of the original proposals, which appeared when

ployment indicators, are ex-

they first emerged last year. But the Government will run into difficulties on jobs this week when Dr Tim Holt, its chief statistician, is expect-ed tomorrow to reveal details of a new internal Whitehall report on the Government's unemployment figures. The report, revealed by The Times last week, is expected to ployment in addition to the

normal claimant coupt. Though Dr Holt, head of the Central Statistical Office, will be pressed by MPs when he appears tomorrow before the Commons' Employment are not planned to be published until Thursday — publication day of the Scott report into the arms-to-Iraq affair. Meanwhile, The TUC says

people in Britain who receive redundancy payments when they become unemployed will be together £90 million worse off under the first year of JSA through loss of benefits. ☐ Unemployment will contin-ue to fall for the next two years and be below two million by

today that close to 200,000

1998, an economic report by the Chartered Institute of Marketing forecasts today. It says continuing economic growth means there is a good chance of much lower levels of recorded unemployment than at any time for 20 years.

Leading article, page



Elizabeth Forsyth will stand trial on two counts of handling stolen goods

Forsyth trial presents SFO with new challenge

THE Serious Fraud Office. which looked after the Nadir family's tax and property still reeling from the unsuccessful prosecution of Kevin She returned voluntarily to and Ian Maxwell last month, is facing a fresh challenge from another high-profile the UK from northern Cyprus

in September 1994 to face questioning by the Serious Fraud Office. She was sent for trial in February 1995. Shares in Polly Peck, Mr Nadir's fruits to electronics

empire, were suspended at 108p in September 1990, the day after a raid by the SFO on the offices of South Audley Management. Receivers were appointed the following month. -

Mrs Forsyth denies two counts of handling stolen

goods under the Their Act. 1968. In count one, it is alleged. that, on a day between Octo-ber 16 and October 20, 1989, sive dishonestly undertook or assisted in the retention, removal, disposal or realisation of certain stolen goods, namely a chose in action repr ed by a credit of £307,000 remaining after the payment by her of £310,000 in cash at Handelsfinanzbank : Geneva. by or for the benefit of another. or dishonestly arranged so to do, knowing or believing the same to be stolen goods. 💯

The second count involves the same charge, but it relates to £88,050 in cash.

Shares in bid survivors lag market

Companies that survive hostile takeover bids have tended to underperform the stock market by a hefty margin, claims a report from Scottish Amicable Investment Managers, The Ones that Got Away.

On average they underperformed the market by 12 per cent over one year, 21 per cent over two years and 25 per cent over the three years after the takeover bid failed.

Power sale

National Power, the electricity generator. has talked down suggestions that the sale of 4.000MW of generating plant, as ordered by the industry regulator, could be delayed by a Monopolies and Mergers (MMC) Commission inquiry. The MMC is looking at National Power's £2.8 billion bid

for Southern Electric, a regional power distributor. A report is due in March, when the generator expects the forced sale to be concluded.

inco's move

Inco, the Canadian nickel giant, has until Wednesday to decide whether to step into the bid fray following Friday's C\$4 billion (£1.9 billion) agreed merger between Robert Friedland's Diamond Fields Resources group and

Falconbridge. Inco has the right to make a counter-bid for Diamond-Fields in which it is a minority shareholder.

Leeson fraud led to £80m in bonuses to **Barings** staff

paid out in borruses to staff at Barings Bank based entirely on the illusory profits that were claimed by Nick Leeson. the convicted fraudster, according to a new book on the collapse of the hank to be published next week.

In The Collapse of Barings, Stephen Fay, the financial wricalculates for the first time the benefit to Barings execu-tives of Lesson's fraud, in the form of staggering and contro-

versial bonus payments.

Mr Fay says that ING, the
Dutch bank that bought Barings a year ago, paid out between £90 and £95 million in bonuses for 1994, the year of the collapse although Barings executives directly implicated in the Leeson affair received

on reported profits before tax of £205 million; including the phoney, "profits" booked by Lesson in Singapore. When the Bank of England worked. out the real figure, it was £19.8 million, less than a tenth of the

This would have given rise says Mr Pay, to a pool of cash for the payment of bonuses of just £9.9 million.

The 280 million difference can be interpreted in two ways, the book concludes. Either it was the bribe ING had to pay the people it wanted to keep at Barings, or it was the Nicholas Leeson Memorial Fund: an uncurned. undeserved £30 million bonama acquired by one man's fraud, forgery and deception. 'Had there been any real

gentlemen left at Barings, they would have donated their bonus to the bondholders (the who lost millions from the bank's collapse). But there weren't Mr Fay concludes The book is the first pub-lished by an outsider into the

Barings disaster and the subsequent sentencing of Nick Lesson to a six and a hair year jail term by a Singapore court. It considers the rise of a humble comprehensive school boy who became a household

name worldwide for fraud. Mr Fay also looks at the culture within the aristocratic bank that allowed such fraud

A TOTAL of £80 million was ... to be perpetrated and one employee to wreak such havoc. Excerpts from The Collapse of Barings appear exclusively in The Times today.

The picture of Nick Leeson in custody, with a rueful smile and wearing a baseball cap back to front, will become one of the enduring images of the 1990s," Mr Fay concludes.

The Collapse of Barings — and the aftermath. Page 42

Gas split will hit taxman

FUTURE British governments stand to lose huge from the spin-off of the British Gas (BG) trading arm into a separate quoted

cambe Bay, BG's largest Energy (BGE) should lead to a sharp fall in the price of the take-or-pay contract on South Morecambe and a reduction of up to £1 billion in petroleum reve

nue tax and royalties. Gas from South More cambe is currently sold to BG's trading business under a take-or-pay contract with BG's explora-tion arm at a price believed to be 26-27p per therm, well above the market rate of about 15p per therm for

long-term gas supplies. er the price of Morecambe gas in a bid to persuade getiate similariy highpriced take-or-pay contracts, which could threaten the new company's survival

"If we are negotiating with other producers, I am sure the discussions will include the price of the take or pay contract on Morecambe," said a British Gas spokesman.

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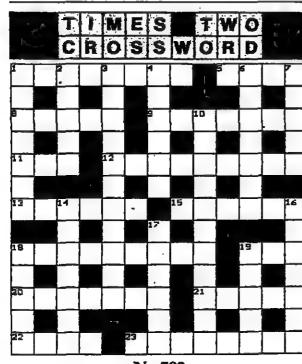
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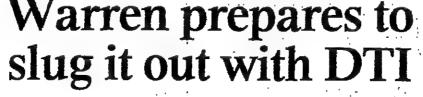
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fraud case starting this week.

The jury in the trial of Elizabeth Forsyth, former adviser to Asil Nadir, is due to be selected at the Old

Bailey today. The trial is

expected to start tomorrow

and should last between four

Mrs Forsyth, 59, of Great

Dunmow, Essex, was for-merly chairman of South Audley Management. a

management company

and six weeks.

ship to 1994. Mr Warren

personally lost more than £3

million in the collapse. He had guaranteed various debts

but saw off the threat of

FRANK WARREN, the boxing promoter, is due at the High Court today to fight attempts by the Department of Trade and Industry to have him banned from serving as a company director. Mr Warren. 43, will strongly contest proceedings brought against him under the Company Di-rectors Disqualification Act. The hearing is expected to last

The proceedings are linked to the collapse of the London Arena, the Docklands sports and entertainment complex that failed in 1991 with debts of more than £20 million. It personal bankruptcy,
The action by the DTI came to light last month. Mr Warren's solicitor, Park Neison Thompson Quarrell, issued a statement, saying that the proceedings related to the affairs of various companies before 1991. Mr Wasten's current business interests are

not affected. The statement said: "Mr Warren has de-

fended the proceedings vigor-

Frank Warren could face a maximum 15-year ban

ously and filed lengthy affidavits explaining his efforts to protect the interest of all creditors, employees and

This is not the case of an irresponsible director jeopardising the funds of creditors and not suffering a loss himself, but of a director with a very substantial personal fi-nancial commitment who worked extremely hard to pro-tect the interests of all creditors and that investment."

The case against Mr Warren moved to the courts in November 1995, but proceedings were adjourned after previously undiscovered documents came to light. Mr Warren, who says he is being taken to court on a "technical ity, faces a maximum ban of 15 years if the proceedings prove successful. Only 24 people have received 15-year bans since the Directors Disqualification Act came into

effect in 1986. The London Arena hosted big names from Pavarotti to Duran Duran, but eventually collapsed under the weight of its debts. Creditors included Landhurst Leasing, the controversial loan company that used the names of Damon Hill and other sporting celebrities to secure millions of pounds in loans. Landhurst collansed in 1992 with debts of £(2) million

Conflict leaves Karadzic in fantasy land

adovan Karadzic is a man with delusions. Sitting at a modern riverfront hotel in Zvornik, he speaks about his plans to rebuild the economy of the Serb Republic. He envisages a first-rate university and medical centre in the new modern city for the Bosnian

Dr Karadzic, who has been indicted by the United Na-tions War Crimes Tribunal in The / Hague, described his visions for an ethnically pure fantasy land and denied that any Muslims were massacred when Bosnian Serb forces overran the Srebrenica enclave in July, .

There was no order to kill them. Nobody under my com-mand would dare kill those who were arrested or cap-tured as prisoners of war. Dr Karadzic said in an interview with The Times.

An international warrant has been issued for Dr Karadzic's arrest and his Serb Republic is occupied by several thousand Nato soldiers who are empowered by the Dayton peace agreement to detain him and hand him over to the tribunal for trial. But Dr Karadzic, accompanied several armed bodyguards, still roams Serb-held Bosnia



Stacy Sullivan meets the Bosnian Serb leader in Zyornik, where he has delusions about creating a brave new world

car entourage through the burnt-out houses of Zvornik toa hotel where he met a delegation of other Bosnian Serb leaders before driving to Beigrade. To reach there, he passed through the town of Vlaserica, where US troops have set up a base. Nato patrols were present all along the road. Dr. Karadzie and his

entourage were not stopped.

It is no secret that the Nato troops from the Implementation Force are trying to avoid a confrontation with the al-leged war criminals. When asked what a Nato official would do if he happened on either Dr Karadzie or General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military leadez, a Nato officer said: "I think he might do nothing. I'd be astonished if Ifor soldiers actually de-

tained any war criminals."

Dr Karadzic insisted that be is still in charge of the Serb Republic. "I am absolutely fully involved. Everything concerning the Serb Republic

thnic hostages."

Dr Karadzic denied that his

is in my hands," he said. He claimed the low profile he has taken since the signing of the thousands of Muslims ganda. The Muslims have killed so many Serb civilians." ing to do with the international arrest warrant. "I am extremely busy at the mo-

economy. We have to set up a banking system and build university and clinical facilities, as well as housing for 130,000 Serbs," he said. "I want a free society and market economy. We didn't have a single political trial or political prisoner during 31/2 years of war. Our state is a democracy and we did not

commit a single crime."

The Serb Republic had been unfairly vilified, Dr Karadzie said. We were ethnically cleansed, if you want to know the truth. There are more Serb refugees than Muslims and Croats together, but that was more by events then

ment. We have to build a new

Asked why there were still about 30,000 Serbs living in Sarajevo and virtually no

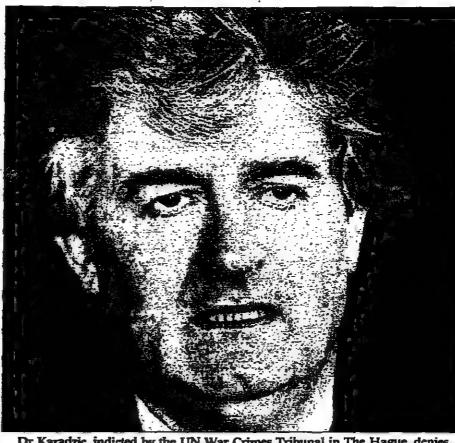
Muslims left in the Serb Republic Dr Karadzic had a did not keep them by force. The Muslims are keeping the Serbs by force. They are

arriy set up detention camps imprisoned, witured and killed. This is terrible propa-

Although Dr Karadzic is convinced of his innocence, he has refused to go to The Hague to answer the allega-tions against him. "If The Hague was a real juridical hody I would be ready to go there to testify or do so on television, but it is a political body that has been created to the Serbs," he said.

Dr Karadzic said he weicomed the new peace in Bosnia but said the interna-

"If they had split Sarajevo into two, one half for us and the other for Muslims, Sarajevo would not become a Tehran. If we leave Sarajevo, there will be 12 million Muslims and no European Chris-



Dr Karadzic, indicted by the UN War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague, denies

Holbrooke attempts to heal rift with Serbs

By STACY SULLIVAN

RICHARD HOLBROOKE. the architect of the Dayton peace agreement, visited Saraevo yesterday to try to patch up a row with the Bosnian Serbs that threatens to under-

mine the peace process. Calling the crisis "the first serious challenge" to the peace deal, Mr Holbrooke told the former warring parties that they had no choice but to abide by the accord they agreed in December. "We are here to insist on full compliance with Dayton, no exceptions, no changes." he said.

The dispute arose after Genera! Ratko Mladic ordered Bosnian Serb troops to sever ties with the Nato peacekeeping force in retaliation at the detention by the Bosnian Government of two Serb officers and eight other soldiers on suspicion of war crimes.

Four of the soldiers were released on Saturday, prompting the Serbs to re-establish ties with the Nato force, but not with Sarajevo.

Mr Holbrooke is also to visit Belgrade, where he is expected to meet President Milosevic.

Keating slips into campaign lead with TV 'wiggle'

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

PAUL KEATING, the Australian Prime Minister, emerged marginally ahead of the Opposition leader, John Howard, in a nationally televised

debate last night. Two weeks into a campaign which has hardly set the nation alight, Australian television's answer to the clapometer - a wiggly line on the screen reflecting audience responses to the leaders' answers - was brought out to add a little pizazz to the lacklustre proceedings.

And the "worm", as it is known, gave Mr Keating a 2 per cent lead over-Mr. Howard, when the audience was:



asked whom it would be supporting. Previous opinion polls had put the Opposition as much as 14 per cent ahead

of the Government The worm showed that Mr. Keating scored well during the attacked Mr Howard for not spelling out his policies, while the Liberal leader won the audience's support when he spoke about the need to address unemployment. Austra-lia has 770,000 jobless, and while the national unemploy ment rate is 8.6 per cent the number of young people out of work is almost 30 per cent, a figure which represents one of the greatest hurdles facing the Labor Party, if it is to stay in-

debate is that, with just under three weeks to go before Australians go to the polis, the open. Certainly Mr Howard has never suggested a Liberal victory will be easy, but after 13 years of Labor rule even diehard socialists agreed the odds must be in the Opposition's favour.

The two leaders did agree last night to return for another national debate in a few weeks time. Unlikely, as it is, that it will set the world on fire, it will be worth watching, if only to monitor the worm.

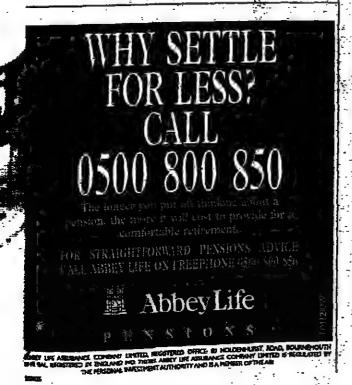
Australia overjoyed by bumper wine crop

BY ROCER MAYNARD

brating what they expect to be

After four years of drought, early estimates suggest this year's harvest will produce 25 year, as inuch as 830,000: tonnes of grapes - much of it for Britain. In the New South Wales Hunter Valley, vine-yard owners could hardly contain themselves as they surveyed their thick bunches of succulent grapes in the final stages of ripening.

UNDER the harsh glare of "We are very excited by what the noon sun, Australian we've got here" said Phillip winemakers have been cele- Ryan, of McWilliam's "The grapes are very clean and they are certainly a good size." Just down the road Brian McGuigan who exports near-ly a third of his wine, has per cent more fruit than last, already started harvesting some of his grapes for spark-ling wine. "We're delighted with the way: the vineyard looks, especially after last year's dismad vintage, he said. This year the rain and achieving both a bomper crop and quality from





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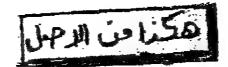
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Elizabeth McGovern makes her British stage debut in The Misanthrope at the Young Vic **OPENS: Tomorrow REVIEW: Thursday**



RECITAL

Amanda Roocroft takes a night off from opera to sing at the Wigmore Hall CONCERT: Tomorrow REVIEW: Thursday



■ MUSIC

Power and passion from Myung-Whun Chung, conducting a Barbican concert of Russian epics CONCERT: Thursday REVIEW: Saturday



FILM :

A board game comes to life în a jungle spectacular called Jumanji OPENS: Friday REVIEW: Thursday

LONDON

PIANESTS WORK Landoners are treated to some of the linest winking fingers at the keyboard this week, starting with András Schill's Haydh and saaring with Autoras schools is hayon amo Bartolik senes tonight. Jack Gibbons then gives only the second performance in history of Alkan's studendously difficult 12 Etudes, Op 39 at the Queen Ekzabeth Half on Thursday Wigmore Half, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935-2141) Tonght, Wod and Sat,

EAST LYNNE Commy near to We Herry Wood's terrious late of the downtal of Lety (sabel Varie, played by Rachel Power (Mary Garth in Middlemarch) Philip Franks directs new adaptation by Lisa Evans, who rew stagtation by Est Fests, with made a fine version of The Terrant of Wildelf Hall last yeer. Greenwich, Croor's Hill, SE10 (0181-856 775) Tonight, 7pm Then Mon-Sa 7 45pm; Sat, 2,30pm, Until Mar 18

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directs Almatda, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) Now previewing, Sprn; opens Wed, 7pm (2) THE CHANGING ROOM Dead Storey's lasonating play about a rugby league team preparing for the weekly game. James Macdonald directs the

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◆ LOCH NESS (PG): Ted Daneor looks for Nessae in a duft, harmless solventure. With Joely Richardson.

NEW RELEASES

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts

and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

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ELSEWHERE BIRMINGHAM: Mari Wision leaves the infamous litisch atme behind, going for manstream jazz respectability with the assistance of a Chillian Her samphonist Childo Freeman Her

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THEATRE GUIDE

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CINEMA GUIDE

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WINDSCIP: Michael Frayn's Mon You Know makes a pre-London tour, with Adam Faith leading the cast as head of

an organisation dedicated to unearthing political secrets. First seen at pounted secrees, russ been all removements, fin new Cooling, Anouethis Pointen Busine, James Obdoy, Anouethis Merches Michael Blakemore directs Thandra Royal (0115-949 2626). Tonght Sau, Apm., mats Thurs. 2.30pm and Sat, 4,45pm.

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Dirty job, dirty minds

n David Hare's excellent with Poliakoff, many of the Shylight, soon to move to the West End, a leading the West End, a leading the characters are odd, alienated, needy, obsessed. Some project character launches into an impassioned defence of shum teachers, social workers, probation officers and others who, while mocked by the public at large, "do what nobody else is willing to do, try to clear out society's drains". Nowhere in her list of unloved professions

are child psychiatrists cited but, on the evidence Stephen Poliakoff's fascinating

new play, they certainly should be. For Clare, the shrink played by Harriet Walter, there are days when it feels as if people are not just waiting for her to clean the sewers but burling the contents in her face.

Take the day that the enjoys in the play's second half. Her most imaginative client does a runner. A young man she sees as her greatest success assaults her. Her mannomaniac lover rages at her for not. attending his sectore on London buses. Her usually withdrawn secretary suddenly. attacks her for insensitivity to. the wishes of parents: And a harmy, vindictive mother lures her into the car park beneath Marble Arch and ... but you will not wish me to give away the fun in store in those concrete catacombs.

It is a rich, finely written play that gets a bit confusing and implausible towards the end but always grips. As often

their need, obsession, guilt, paranoia: and failure onto Clare herself, most obviously Mrs Trevel, the self-styled "mother from hell" played with a wonderful mix of uptight preciosity and genteel menace by Saskia Reeves. Clare has the ill-luck to be out of town when the 11

year-old son of-this-wildly Sweet Panic over-protecuve woman Hampstead goes missing. He is soon

found, but irrational indigna tion has transformed Mrs Trevel into a blend of avenger and stalker who persistently turns up unannounced vow ing to wreak professional ruin. Not until she has got Clare to confess her own helplessness and panic does she relent and revert to the relatively same person she presumably is; or so I interpret a climax that might be cleaver if Poliakoff

were not himself directing.

Certainly, be seems to be the motion some tricky things.

Having school us into seeing everything through Clares, eyes, he wants us to see Clare through Mrs Trevel's arroganty felting confidences. ganity faking a confidence she does not possess. However, he manages neither to bring off that transition nor to broaden

In your face Harnet Walter's child psychiatrist is abused by Rupert Penry-Jones

that transition nor to broaden. Yet it is a joy to re-encounter the play's scope as he would a droll, off-beat talent absent wish. There is a log of talk, from the stage for fact to long, about the danger of retreating with a sometime of the control of talk. There is a log of talk, from the stage for fact to long, about the danger of retreating with a sometime of the control of talk. The control of the control of talk is the control of talk of talk. The control of talk is the c

only sporadically makes us the soup his company has of the kids on her couch? It is feel those ideas made from them, all to prove not only Clare she brings to Yes it is a joy to re-encounter the is not the idiot he suspects life, but stolld little George. his son says he is? Who else would ask Walter both to truculent little Leo, and the evening's unseen heroine, adconvey the voluerability and embattled warmth of the char-BENEDICT acter she is playing and to do

NIGHTINGALE

Tears at Bath time

> The Rivals Royal Exchange, Manchester

ON THE programme cover is a closeup of Maureen Lipman looking pained. And well she might. Lipman's Mrs Malaprop has not just picked all the wrong words, she has made a: parious mistake in choosing this production.

Why is Sheridan's Bath, furnished with elegantly spindly Regency chairs, reverberating to a pop-rock version of Purcell? Why does our changeable romantic heroine Lydia Languish finally rush in to become official fiancee to Jack Absolute in 18th-century costume topped with a postwar hat? Wonder on Maybe Braham Murray. the director, has confused malapropisms with anachromisms.

.The bigger problem with this stag-

ing is that nobody is trilly languable or lovable. Tony Britton comes closest as lack's aged yet domineering father. Sir Anthony, testily whacking innocent footmen with his came because his son is bridling at an arranged marriage.

Lipman also has her funny moments as Lydia's gaudily frilled guardian aunt. In her whipped up wig and double width bustle, she has traces of an Ugiy Sister and Wickled Witch but has human and really flower has

her homour is not really flourishing. Stand-up comedian John Thomson. as country bannokin Bob Acres, brings a short spurt of energy into the spa town, but he runs out of ster Dominic Rowan as Jack cuts a fine. figure in his regimental kit but he is not

a natural romantic rogue.

Jonathan Weir, as Faulkland, does not get the funny side of his character. Amabel Mullion is too mature for Lydia, who is supposed to be just 17. There ought to be both more humourand more passion. This is a portrait of polite society, fevered with love and rage. At least Sheridan's comic rhythms — the lovers blowing hot and cold, the crescendes of bad temper survive. Still, if these are the pleasures

of Bath. I would prefer an icy shower. KATE BASSETT

PAUL KEATING IOM WILDE SE TOMAY JO MO WITH "AN ENTERTAINMENT

Basil goes a bit faulty O Isabella!

BAC, Battersea

REMEMBERING no more about poor isabella than that she watered a pot of basil with her tears, I rummaged around for my Reats and read the relevant poem's LXIII stanzas over funch to discover what he says about her unusual style of horniculture.

Well, dair Isabella loves young

Lorenzo but her proud brothers intend her to marry a Florentine noble, so they live the handsome Lorenzo into the woods, where they kill and bury him Lorenzo visits Isabella in a dream and informs her of what has occurred. Out she goes to the woods, digs up the corpse, cuts off the head and, yes, places it in a pot. "And o'er it set Sweet Basil, which her tears kept ever wet."

But really I need not have bothered because the story comes and goes in the first five minutes of O Isabella!

You Bad, Bad Girl, an inscrutable 80minute piece by the Yorkshire-based Alison Andrews Company. The remaining 75 minutes presumably dis-close something of Isabella's noctumal wanderings in, or out of, dreamland.

The players in their black suits or

frocks move elegantly around one another; they smile a lot, the man particularly.

Then it is Christmas: lots of presents in gold paper, and a pot — aha! — in matt black. The tree speaks. It is the family tree. And I am nearly sure that the burden of the dreamer's history is

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guilt. Bodily functions get plenty of mentions. So, but not often, does the family herb garden.

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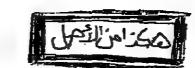
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Thrilling celebration of love



Elizabeth Connell, "steady as a rock" and radiant as Isolde, with George Gray as a heroic Tristan, in David Alden's superb new ENO staging of Wagner's epic love story

here is only one thing more tedious than reading a rave notice, and that is writing one. So I must find some thing to niggle at in the new ENO: Tristan. Well, the Shepherd wears a blind man's dark glasses, something of a cliche now. But given his function as lookout in the doom-lader Act III, it is pretty apt use of cliche.

There is one contentious piece of casting, but that is mostly Wagner's fault. Brangaerie calls for a meany mezzo with a dramatic soprano top. The young mezzo Susan Parry cannot be faulted for spirit or commitment. but this is perhaps a role best given to singers of mature years with nothing to lose. And to say that every word of Andrew Porter's wise and faithful granslation is audible would be untruthful (do you ever hear every word in German?). But more than enough came across to justify the principle of opera in the vernacular.

DRUMMER and band leader

Clark Tracey could be forgiv-

en for wishing that the critic

Whitney Balliett's description

surprise" could be restricted

exclusively to matters musical.

fessional he is, he reacted to

the sudden unavailability of

his quartet's young trumpeter,

Gerard Presencer, by arranging for one of the UK's

strongest soloists, sexophonist

Alan Skidmore, to take his

Not only that, but Tracey

turned the whole situation to

place at five hours' notice.

However, like the true pro-

of jazz as "the sound o

Rodney Milnes applauds English National Opera's superlative new production of Wagner's Tristan and Isolde at the Coliseum

Otherwise, Mark Elder's freshly conceived musical interpretation. David Alden's equally original production - by far the most concentrated and disciplined he has yet given us

— and a series of pole-axing individusilype formances combine to make: this as thrilling an evening as the ENO has given us for many a year.

Elder pays little heed to the Tristan... of tradition, that 12-tog duvet of heavy-breathing and ultimately tedious eroticism. He draws his fayoured lean, muscular string sound, light on vibrato, from the attentive orchestra, and uses this basis for an ideally clear realisation of the score. You can hear the complex musical thought throughout At first the playing and brisk

speeds sounded too bracing, even for a first act set on board ship. There was little of the besitant, breathcatching soupiness often favoured in the love duet; rather, a sweet, smoothflowing lyricism. But the pain of Act III was nigh unbearable, and Elder's overall grasp of the work's structure became ever clearer: his interpretation was planned and convincingly executed from first bar to last.

The Liebestod, conceived in partnership with Elizabeth Connell's magnificent Isolde, crowned it. Fast, impulsive, brightly sung, this was not portentous "Love-Death" but joyous "Love-Life", a hymn of triumph. Together, Elder and Connell found Janaček's secret of using music. to transform disaster into a celebra-

tion of the human spirit. It may not be what Wagner had in mind, but what the hell? It seipt you home on an enormous high, and there are worse things to do to an audience.

It is as though Connell's whole career had been building towards Saturday's first night. Her singing was steady as a rock, tirelessly radiant, phrased with the pliancy and tenderness born of years of singing Verdi. George Gray, her Tristan, sturdy and a touch phlegmatic early on, gave us beautiful singing in the love duet and rose heroically to the delirium of Act III. Gwynne Howell's King Mark surpassed even his previous performances of the role, with every word

Jonathan Summers's tousled. kilted Kurwenal was unsparingly intense, and the casting of first-rate singers in small roles paid off. John Hudson's crystal-clear Sailor got the opera off to a fine start, Christopher Booth-Jones made Melot a major role, and Alasdair Elliot sang the blind Shepherd most beautifully.

The success of Alden's production is based on his actual direction of the singers, always his strongest suit and here highlighted by the absence of design dutter: Ian MacNell's decora slightly foxed brick wall - is simplicity itself. In the last act the stage is bare save for one chair, leaving the field free for the singers, Wolfgang Göbbel's gorgeous lighting and a series of stage pictures of breathtaking beauty.

This is a Tristan for today, with decades of varnish stripped away. compelling audiences to think about it afresh. For what more can one ask?

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

CLASSICAL CHOICE

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Terdi wrote Don Carlos for the Paris Opera, which insisted on five acts of scenic magnificence. with a compulsory ballet in the third. He outdid himself, but also miscalculated: the opera was vastly too long and had to be savagely cut. Five versions exist. The longer ones are too long for most theatres, but the shorter ones drop vital stitches from the plot

It is essentially a fated triangle: Elisabeth de Valois and Don Carlos of Spain are in love, but for political rea-sons she must marry his elderly, widowed father, the tyrannical Philip II. But its other themes — the loneliness of kingship, religious intolerance and the power of the Inquisition, heroic friendship - were not inessentials to Verdi, and a recording can more easily do justice to them than any but the most lavish (and hugely long) stage production.

Of the nine recordings cur-rently available, four use Verdi's final, five-act revision. Two others prefer a version. also sanctioned by him, that entirely removes the beautiful Act I. The three oldest recordings, although all of them feature fine singers, are so heavily cut that they seriously damage the musical drama.

Claudio Abbado's five-act version (DG 415 316-2, £44.95) has a supplement, which stretches the set to 4 CDs. It contains the ballet music that Verdi wrote for the original Paris premiere - no other recording includes this - and five of the other scenes that he cut and never replaced. 1

The best of the conventional five-act recordings are both starrily cast and strongly conducted. Sir Georg Solti's version, with Renata Tebaldi, Carlo Bergonzi, Grace Bumbry, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau and Nicolai Ghiarurov (Decca 421 114-2) is powerful, full-voiced, spectacularly recorded and rather

Carlo Maria Giulini (EMI CDS 7 47701-8) is no less epic. but finds room for grace as well. His cast is no less splendid - Montserrat Caballé, Placido Domingo, Shirley Verrett. Sherrill Milnes and Ruggero Raimondi - and if you want the BUILDING

standard five-act score without ballet, his version is richly satisfying. A more recent recording, by James Levine, is on the whole rather undercharacterised and over-emphatically conducted.

Of the four-act recordings, the most recent is again unsarisfactory (Riccardo Muti. wildhyperactive: even Luciano times). Herbert von Karajan's second attempt this first was severely cut) is so well sung, by the likes of Mirella Freni, José Carreras and Agnes Baltsa.



Claudio Abbado: reveals the magnificent music that the composer cut out

absent Act I all the more poignantly (EMI CMS 7 69304-2 — mid-price).

Abbado's "more-than-com plete" version, although expensive because of its four discs, competes with most others in terms of sheer singing (Katia Ricciarelli, Domingo, Raimondi); equals them in flair and passion, and exceeds them in the revelation of what magnificent music Verdi was prepared to jettison in order to reduce his opera to a length the public would stomach.

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Blakey. But on this occasion he assumed the mantie of Elvin Jones, the classic Coltrane quarters drummer, with relish and aplomb. The quartet was completed by Steve Hamilton on piano and bassist Arnie Somogyi.

As is often the way in jazz, the sheer unexpectedness of the situation caused the musicians' improvisational adrenalin to flow; they launched themselves into their opener, Some Other Blues, like sprinters-leaving starting blocks. and never looked back.

Skidmore in particular, scorning the warm-up chorus necessary to lesser mortale. imbued his initial solo with he sort of sinewy, tumultuous vitality more frequently heard immediately responded, bringing the rhythm section swiftly to the boil where, give or take a couple of Coltrane's.

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Clark Tracey Quartet Pizza Express, WI

yearning ballads, they remained all evening. For vibrancy and vigour shot through with a highly affecting spiritual questing. Coltrane's music is unmatched, and Skidmore is arguably his most skilful British disciple. So two sets composed of classic Trane material were simply meat-and drink both to him and the band as a whole.

Impressions . featured breathtaking interplay between drummer and saxo-phonist. Resolution; the definitive jazz prayer, drew a solo of rapt, concentrated energy from Skidmore. Mr PC. the perfect fast blues jamming vehicle, elicited a solo of matching seething power

from Hamilton.

Sensibly leavened with the odd earnest, heart-on-sleeve ballad such as Mal Waldron's Soul Eyes and Coltrane's own Lonnie's Lament, this gig may not have been as advertised, but it certainly delivered the

CHRIS PARKER



ESTREMENT FORESTAYED

Richard Cork continues his guide to the major

Cézanne retrospective at the Tate Gallery

zanne's lifelong loy-alty with more magnetic force than Mont Sainte-Victoire. Surging up from the Provençal country-side near his home in Aix. this battered pyramid of rock was a subject he returned to with obsessive ardour.

through Poussin's Roman

eyes as a harmonious, classi-

The young Cézanne would have clambered across it during long, enalted walks through the landscape with

his boyhood friend, Emile Zola. And the adult Cezanne found himself returning to the same motif, setting up his easel to study the mountain from different angles and at varying times of day. According to local legend, the mountain's name commemorates the victory of Marius over the barbarians To judge by the three pines in the 1st century AD. When Cezanne painted it in the 1880s, he saw the scene ranged across the fore-ground, the artist positioned

1. Cranne cal idyll. But by 1897, when

himself far above the quarry

floor. So a feeling of vertigi-

nous risk is added to the

force. Towards the centre of he placed his easel in the quarries of Bibernus, the the painting, they appear to be crushing the slender pine mountain took on a far growing between them. tougher identity.

It is closer than before, and ed by pent-up, seismic forces, and the mountain rears fills a far greater amount of the picture surface. The above them like a mighty quarry face beneath burns in eruption. Wherever you look, Cézanne's brushmarks radiating a sense of near-unbearable heat. Compared with the placid green fields-that Cezanne had painted in the foreground of his earlier views, these orange cliffs are quickened by an awareness of the dynamism pulsing through the earth's crust. Mont Sainte-Victoire has become a Titan on the move.

◆ Ceranne is at the Tate Gallery until April 28, sponsored by Ernst & Young, For advance booking, which is advised, tele-phone 0/71-420 0000

up between Cezanne and the

mountain beyond. While stressing the weight of these boulder-like cliffs, Cezanne

also sees them as a living

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he race is on to find a 'safe" genetic test which would predict whether an unborn baby is likely to develop a moment the only tests available can endanger both the mother and her foetus.

Doctors believe a new noninvasive technique, based on blood sampling, might be as close as five years away - but

there is concern that there are imciety if it were to be widely used. The fear is that

have tested parents will be the embryos, tempted to uncover the genetic fate the mother when it is unlikechooses the ly ever to develop a serious disease.

healthiest' It might become acceptable, for example, to reveal a foetus's susceptibility to diabetes, heart disease, rheumatoid arthritis and cancers, even though it may, in fact, never

develop any of them. At present, serious problems such as cyetic fibrosis, Huntington's chorea and Down's syndrome can be detected by either an amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling (CVS). Both tests womb to collect foetal cells. In a few per cent of cases, this can

cause a miscarriage. Research is going on into two alternative techniques, neither of which would harm the mother or baby. One solution might lie in blood testing, because small numbers of foetal cells leak through the placenta into the mother's blood. Dr David Miller, from the department of clinical medicine at Leeds University, is trying to find a way of separating these foetal cells from the maternal ones. "The problem is that for each

foetal cell that leaks out, there are a million maternal cells,

The second possibility is to inspect cells that have dropped from the womb into the womknown as transcervical recov ery, is also being looked at by

Scientists have already developed a way of screening so-"test-tube" embryos

Joy Delhanty. from University is working with UK licensed to creen embryos The team tests for

ening conditions. sex-linked problems such as haemophilia, and susceptibility to cancer. "It is slightly different from prenatal screening, because the pregnancy hasn't started," says Dr Delhanty, "We test lots of embryos and then the mother can choose the healthjest."

She does not think that scientific developments will lead to a stampede by parents future health. "Most families will not be affected by a whole spectrum of diseases, so testing will probably be restricted to those most likely to develop," she says. "Also, the cost implications for screening ev-

ery baby are enormous." Professor Nicholas Wald, a prenatal screening expert at Bart's Hospital Medical College, agrees: "We have the technology to mass-screen for cystic fibrosis but we don't do it. So why should we do it for anything else?"

Anjana Ahuja



Is this the cure for male infertility?

produce fully-formed sperm could soon be able to father children. Doctors have developed a laboratory dish. The fertilised egg is then returned to the woman's womb to develop into a baby.

Last month, the technique resulted in the birth of a healthy baby girl, Susan Louise Oxburgh, whose parents live in Aberdeen. Dr Simon Fishel, scientific director of Nottingham University's non-profit-making research and treatment unit in reproduction (Nurture), who pioneered the technique, says he now hopes to conduct trials involving more than 100 couples whose only hope of having their own child is spermatid injection. He is awaiting

tionary than traditional test-tube baby treatment. "In nature, this form of pre-sperm was never latended to fertilise the egg. The tech-

invasive as you can One in six couples suffer from infertility and in about half the cases it is the male partner who has the problem. Last year about 3,000 babies were born in Britain as a result of treatments

HOW THOUSANDS MAY BE HELPED

Fatherhood — a dream made possible by scientists

child," said Dr Fishel.

cent of men whose infertility is now were fears that by bringing egg and being treated using donor sperm sperm together so soon, the complex could actually have their own genetic set of checks and balances required

is now 27 per cent. Dr Fishel says there to allow the foctus to develop Spermatid injection is not avail- normally might be disturbed. But able on the NHS and each treatment—the lears seem to be groundless; the

intra-cytoplasmic

sperm injection. in which a single sperm is

selected and injected

into the egg in a labora-

tory dish. The "take

home haby success rate of ICSI at Nurture

fully formed sperm seems mostly to will cost almost £3,000. Like tail to help it to reach the female

> Dr. Fishel and his team hope to achieve human pregnancies using an even more controversial method. This uses an even earlier form of pre-sperm called a the spermatocyte. Scientists in Ha-A waii have recently reported the birth of normally healthy mice by injecting spermatocytes directly into mice

or Fishel estimates that about 7 per cent of infertile men produce only spermatid, and that a possible further 7 per cent produce only

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Biologists throw new light on how eggs develop All thanks

grown from an egg matured in a test-tube could herald a new era in reproductive biology. Not only will it help in understanding how eggs develop, but it could also improve the techniques of in vitro fertilisation used to help infertile women to have

Of course, eggs have been successfully fertilised out-side the body for years, but these have all been mature eggs harvested after women vere treated with powerful hormone drugs to encourage ovulation. The new work, by John Eppig and Marilyn O'Brien of the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine, has pulled off the same trick, but starting from the egg procursors, called oocytes.

So far, only a single mouse has been born, but it is healthy and normal. Biologists have been trying to grow oocytes for years, and the success, published last month in Biology of Reproduction, has been greeted

SCIENCE

to a mouse

BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes

oocytes, which mature one by one into eggs. The process of maturation, which in the mouse takes three weeks. involves signals which pass

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messages by culturing mixtures of oocytes and granulosa cells in a dish. For a long time, he could not make it work, but then be and his re-

search assistant Marilyn O'Brien stumbled on the answer. By culturing entire mouse ovaries for several days before exposing the

oocyte-granulosa celi complexes to enzymes, and then supplying growth factors and stimulatory hormones, they persuaded about 40 per cent of the oocytes to mature.
When fertilised with

mouse sperm, the eggs divided to the two-cell stage. Then they were placed back into surrogate mouse mothers. Only one of 190 transferred actually grew into a live-born mouse pup so there is clearly plenty of room for fine-tuning. Varying the conditions should throw light on the process by which the oocytes develop. The technique has possi-bilities for human use, al-

though that is some way off. Oocytes may be easier to store than eggs, and the large number of eggs needed for successful in vitro fertiliobtain in this way than by dosing women with hor-mones. But keeping human oocytes alive and healthy through the long period of maturation is likely to prove a demanding task....

to motherhood

3-D SCANNING

From mummies

nique used to create a threeinside of Egyptian mummies may allow doctors to detect foetal abnormalities early. . . They would be able to track the growth of babies vital organs and identify those which were likely to have health problems. Then they

AN ultrasound scanning tech-

would be able to perform prenatal surgery, or, if the mother decided to end her pregnancy, she would be able to do so at an early stage.

A clinical trial of the method on 200 pregnant women has just been completed at St Thomas Hospital, in London, by Professor Anthony Milner and Darryl Maxwell and re-

sults are still awaited. The trial focused on the liver. Another study starting this spring will concentrate on the lungs - the last organ to be fully developed in the womb.

The technique was developed by Dr Stephen Hughes,
a medical physicist at St Thomas'. He wrote a sophisti-

cated computer program which converts a succession of conventional two-dimensional ultrasound slices into a threedimensional image.

His software was originally used by the British Museum to determine the cause of death of Ancient Egyptians. During this work he hit upon the idea of adapting it produce computer images of unborn children. Researchers claim that the technique is safer than con-

ventional ultrasound methods because only one sweep is needed to produce an image. But it may be a long time before such imaging is widely used Stuart Campbell, Professor of Gynaecology and Obstetrics at King's College Hospital, says: "Until the re-

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search is published, we don't know if the new technique canpick up abnormalities that conventional scanning metiods will miss. I very much _doubt it."

ANJANA AHUJA

Help from a single injection



AN IMPROV-ED version of the hormone often given to women to treat infertility could

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make the process easier and much more effective. Many infertile women are treated with FSH (follicle-stimulating hormone) to promote ovulation. But FSH breaks down quickrepeated injections, some-Dr Irving Baime, of Washington University Medical School in St Louis, has made FSH more resistant to breakdown by borrowing a subunit from a related hormone, human chorionic gonadotropio, and attaching it to FSH. Animal studies show that it lasts three times as long in the body, and Dr Boime believes that the modified

PSH may prove to be more

controllable

The Dutch company Orga-non has licensed the technology for development. Dr Boirne believes that a single injection of the modified FSH will be enough to stimulate ovulation without risking producing several eggs, and

Protein boosts children's IQ



A STUDY in Guatemala has ritional supplements given to pregnant women and

their babies can have significant effects on the children's mental development.

Between 1969 and 1977, more than 2,000 mothers and children in four villages were given either a high-protein supplement called Atole, or a fruit drink called Fresco, with no added pro-

ten years later. Dr Ernesto Pollitt of the University of California tested the children with a range of verbal mathematical and IQ tests. He found that children whose mothers had been given Atole, and who had eaten it themselves for at least two years, did signifi-

tein. Following up more than

cantly better on most tests than those who had been given Fresco. Dr Pollitt concludes in Scientific American that where malnutrition is a risk. protein supplements can make a real difference, better intellectual development going hand-in-hand with better

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Queen comes to stag she shares the family roast.

Mary Riddell meets Lady Carnarvon

FOR A time the imposing front doors of Highelere Castle stayed closed. It would be better, an aide had suggested, to shuffle the paying public through the humble rear entrance next to the tearcom.

While no member of the nou-veau-pauvre British aristocracy is averse to offloading a cheese scone or two on the Sierra-driving masses, Lady Carnarvon remained unhappy with the new arrangement. "We tried it for a while, but it didn't sit right with us. I believe the visitors should be welcomed prop-

Meanwhile, and more remark-ably, in the little house just down the drive, the Queen was parking er wellies in the small entrance sall next to the dog's bed. Later her supper would be prepared in the tramped back kitchen where the only concession to haute cuisine is a packet of Bonios by the sink.

"She can come here and know that there's no one about." Jean Carnarvon will tell you. "No, she'd never stay at the castle - always here with us. She knows her way round, and it's like home really - a sort of haven.

If uch like her royal guest, the 7th Lady Carnarvon enjoys the quiet life. Charming, unpretentious and the most unlikely of chatelaines, she has remained resolutely in the background while her husband, the Queen's racing manager, has provided the front-of-house panache essential to the selling of a stately home.

But times are hard and costs astronomical. Scaffolding, as normal, obscures the castle's Gothic-Victorian splendour, and the manila envelopes pile up on the doormat. With upkeep bills alone running at £250,000 a year, slick marketing must never be underestimated. And so the financial imperative has decreed for Lady Carnarvon, an acutely shy woman, a starring role in the film of her life. Downstairs Upstairs is a forthcoming Network First programme

anxious, "Well, it wasn't quite what we expected. Let it be a lesson." There was always going to be a difficulty, since Highelere is rather

for Carlton, and she is clearly

thin on the Downstairs. rather optimistically, for yards of



Lady Carnarvon: intensely shy and loath to talk about her royal connections, but financial pressures have persuaded her to put herself and her family in the limelight

Just good friends

worthy footage of Lord Carnarvon accomplishing sterling work for regional planning and demonstrating to the House of Lords that hereditary peers are a jolly good thing. What seems to have emerged instead is Berkshire's belated an-

The setting: a crumbling but fabulous stately pile. The cast: dashing heir (Geordie, Lord Porchester). glamorous younger offspring (daughter Carolyn, married to the Newmarket bloodstock agent John Warren, and Harry. married to Chica who does the food), plus, in supporting roles, assorted adorable grandchildren and world-beating racehorses. The

plot the fairy-tale marriage of the beautiful teenager from Wyoming and the man who has long been one of Her Majesty's dearest friends.

Cut and fade to the drawing-

room of Lady Carnarvon's bungalow (think Palladian, not Barratts). where unframed school pictures of her grandchildren are propped on the mantelpiece below ancestral oils. She is 60 now, still beautiful, and accustomed to a life which even by the standards of hardpressed aristocracy - is almost schizophrenic in its contrasts. On the one hand, there is the

munobilia accumulated (complete. legend has it, with the dead king's curse) by the 5th Earl.

On the other, there is a constant need for thrift. "Could I blow a fortune on a Valentino suit? Certainly not. I'm not in that league. I wear Marks & Spencer or buy from local boutiques in Newbury. Usually we'll have supper in

front of the TV. I always cook unless we have people to stay." Even her green Aga, in which the Queen's roast dinners ("just what the family would be having" are prepared, was affordable only when her husband's top racehorse had a particularly fine season. When the Queen comes to inspect her yearlings, the routine alters only slightly. The two spare bedrooms are aired, a cook brought.

in. Sometimes Prince Philip comes, and in the old days Prince Charles used to visit from school. and we'd potter along the lake. I think some people might fuss, but we're not breaking new territory. We've been doing it for a very long

Brought up in Big Horn, Wyo-ming, Jean Wallop was 13 before she saw a town or crossed a road and 19 when she met her future husband at a London lunch party. Coffee was scarcely served before the then Lord Porchester was: crossing the Atlantic to inform her

start of a long, sad

slide into senility.

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diescence"; your last

youthful rebellion, full

of lessons in life that

help you to move, at

some point during

Sheehy's fetish for

buzz-words first

emerged in Passages, which she wrote when

she was 35. That book

did for early adult-

hood what this one

does for people in their prime. But New Pas-

sages comes close to parodying itself with

the introduction of something called the

Aha!" moment. This is unfortunate, since it

turns out to be near the crux of Sheehy's thesis. She is wise

enough to admit that no amount of self-help

can be guaranteed to

banish such ravages

of ageing as illness, bereavement or loss of

agility. But she insists

repeatedly that the key

fulfilment despite

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Painfully self-effacing, knowing that her university career was ruined and her father heartbroken at losing her, she married in 1956. Queen Elizabeth - who was to be godmother to her elder son - was 29, three years into her reign and the figurehead of a world the new Lady Porchester found intimidat-

ing and, occasionally, repellent.

My husband was wonderful. but for the first two years all I seemed to do was meet people. The racing world was the most daunting. The Newmarket trainers in those days were really formidable people, and to them I was just a

little nothing. Even now, although my daughter lives there, and I love visiting. I get a sort of feeling in the pit of my stomach when I approach

The Queen herself was distantly welcoming. "Well it was very formal I'd curtsy, do all the normal things. All those things were ob-

served and still are." As the years passed, the cultures began to overlap. Recently the Oueen ended a trip to Kentucky stud farms at the three-bedroom house Lady Carnarvon keeps in the wilds of Wyoming. "My house was completely surrounded by Secret Service - so many of them that the deer all disappeared. There's a little bungalow next door, which was useful for the staff, and we all

jammed in somehow.' She is loath to talk about her royal connections, scrupulous in protecting the private bolthole her family has supplied for 40 close The focus on them is horrendous. It definitely is. It's got beyond the realms of anything that's really tolerable, if — like the Duke of Edinburgh - you can't even have a private phone conver-

he has only rarely experienced such intrusion. When, as she plans to, she reads Sarah Bradford's biography of the Queen (which she is saving as a holiday book) she will come upon the old rumour -malicious, untrue and denounced as such by Bradford — that her husband was Prince Andrew's

It is unlikely to trouble her, for Lady Carnarvon - the outsider to the British aristocracy - has succeeded where so many of her peers have failed in creating a stable family life.

Her only sadness is that her older son, Geordie, is about to be divorced, in an echo of the collapsed marriages which have haunted the Carnarvon dynasty, When she first took over a grim, dusty, dank Highelere, the pervading atmosphere was one of neglect-

ed gloom.

"I know it sounds politically incorrect, but it hadn't had a woman in there for 50 years." Out went the dim lighting and the faded furnishings. In came pictures of her grandchildren and displays of spring bulbs.

In too came weddings and receptions, world conferences, outdoor concerts, glossy magazine promo-tions, in a survival model which has become the envy of the impov-

erished aristocracy.

Marketing herself, her marriage and her children for the TV cameras has been less tolerable. The limelight is not my natural place, but we all have to do what we can to help.

Duty, as her favourite and equally parsimonious house-guest would agree, must prevail.

Life begins when the **Aha! moment comes**

WHEN the muscular, fiery- posed for a New York fashion argues in her provocative bestthree years ago, she proved to a generation of American women that there was not just life after menopause - there

was rock 'n' roll. When, at 45, Lauren Hutton

boots, she too went through an epiphany on behalf of her sex: she realised you don't have to be 21 and half-naked to be beautiful and paid for it. Such women, Gail Sheehy

published in Britain shortly, are the pioneers of a generation that is defying biology to enter a whole new phase of the human life cycle: a grown-up adventure of new careers, new

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passions, lively 🗪 sex and carefree hedonism that she refers to as our second beginning of her book. Sheehy announces with gusto that Western women who reach 50 without suffering can now expect to live at least another 40 years. The question is how to make the most of them.

tion, not least because women celebrating their fiftleth birthdays this year are the baby boomers' vanguard. Born the year after the Second World War ended, they led the sexual revolution by trying out the Pill. They stopped taking it to have families but still fought to keep careers. Later, with the help of books like Sheehy's The Silent Passage, they broke down age-old taboos about the discussion and treatment of the effects of menopause.

NOW THEY - and Sheehy - are emerging at the far end of that silent passage. She laments that they face a void. They have "no instructions for what a woman should be after she has finished making babies" and bringing them up - a task that more and more women find

they have completed

with fully half their lives still

She protests that "research on over-fifties has concentrated on disease, widowhood, retirement. meaninglessness and impoverishment". And, in a confession of her relentlessly upbeat agenda, she declares: It's high time we look at what goes right with us: the sources of love, purpose, fun, sexual pleasure, spiritual companionship and sustained wellheing that so many people are discovering in second adult-hood, much to their surprise."

The book is based on exhaustive reading and research, and is peppered with factual nuggets. For example: million American babyboomers are expected to reach their 100th birthdays. The over-nineties are the country's fastest growing age group. The proportion of women

aged 45 to 54 who have jobs

Giles Whittell reports from LA on a bestselling thesis for life after 50

> mism of women in their midto-late lifties. And so on.

But New Passages is really all about semantics. One of its central themes is a concerted attack on the phrase "middle age" and all its debilitating connotations. In Sheehy' world "you're not getting older" after 50, "you're getting better". The process is not

ageing but "sageing".

Middle age is replaced by
the age of mastery (your flaming lifties), followed by the age of integrity (your serene sixties). Depression, alcoholism or divorce in your lare forties need not be the

have flown or after resigning oneself to not having them, and usually in one's fifties. This is the Aha! moment. For Lauren Hutton it came when her copy of The New York

off a Californian beach, and realised what her next book would be about.

BLINDING revelations are all very well. But what next? Stripped of anecdote and pop psychology, her practical advice on how to make the most of second adulthood is not strikingly original: women would do well to stop smoking, resist drinking more than two glasses of wine a day, do regular aerobic exercise and

perhaps some yoga. They should consider going back to work or university or both, and stop feeling duty-bound to provide their grown-up children with bed and board.

Men, she says, can be, harder to advise. To make their passages to mastery and beyond they too should give learn to let go of work as the chief public measure of their worth. Above all, they should own up to creeping impotence as the main threat to their

private self-esteem. They

should talk it through with their partners, turning a loss into what Dr William Masters called "the privilege of exchanging vulnerabilities".

Whatever you make of such rhetoric Sheehy's basic chall-enge is compelling: "Will your personal life story in second adulthood be conceived as a story? To a large degree you have the power of mind to make that choice." And if you share her indomitably suriny. temperament, the rest should be a breeze. Just say "Ahai".

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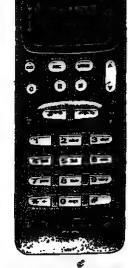
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will rise by 300 per cent over the next five years. The ratio of testosterone to oestrogen in those who have completed menopause is up to 20 times higher than in those still ovulating - which, research shows, may help to account for the resurgent energy and opti-

Times fell open at a photograph of some one so alluring in dungarees and desert boots that at first she didn't recognise herself. For Janet Mandaville, one of Sheehy's 500 or so interview subjects, it came at 50 when she acted on a whim for the first time in decades and went solo backpacking for eight months in the Australian outback. For Sheehy herself it came when she conquered her lear of diving through a wave



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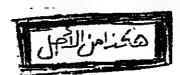
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Matthew Parris



■ Newspapers rely on buzz-words to arouse the reader's interest - and on fuzz-words to keep it

not the prerogative of politicians, but an essential skill for journalists too. The world presents a bewildering variety of "facts": an array of potential news items practically infino clear pattern emerges, and to list which at random would baffle our readers. Our job, like every writer's job, is to tell a story. We seek patterns, plots, meaning if you like in the world.

Much of a journalist's work therefore involves identifying possible stories. then servicing them. Once established, a story needs to be nurtured, so that the newspaper becomes a sort of serial, with daily instalments, involving a running series of plots and subplots, with a recognisable cast of characters. Otherwise (like a scap opera into which too many characters are intronowhere), the audience's at-

My field, politics, pre-sents exceptionally clear examples. We chart a leader's "rise" and "fall". We discover splits and conspiracies: We establish "strong".

prone" characters; we divine dissent and disaffection: we purport to describe "mood" among politicians. Al this requires creative writing and I do not, by that, mean we lie: we *craft* our

devices, but readers should know about them too

Journalists

may well

need these

How? Part of a journalist's trade consists of choosing the story. But, having chosen it, he must write it in language which lends a hard edge to what may be an aimless narrative. He achieves this by a combination of buzz-words and fuzz-words. The buzz-words are notorious. "Measures" come in "packages". "Blood on the carpet" etches out the "political faultlines"...

Less often noticed are the fuzz-words. These are the nuts and holts which seem to hold a story together. Their purpose is to imply some linkage between events occurring to different people in different places at different times. The problem is that this linkage is not always obvious, may not exist at all, and is in any case difficult to prove. Unlike children's storytellers we are supposed to be reporting reality. But reality is unreportable, so the challenge is, while appearing to report, to draw readers into an inference, without ourselves making the claim, pushing a story forward while leaving open a means of retreat in case of a challenge. There is a stableful of key words. phrases and images essen-

tial to this task. The simplest way is to state a chronological relationship between events, and to imply by this a causal one - but without stating it. "After a series of embarrassing attacks on his leadership. Tony Blair yes-

lurring an issue is terday sought to regain the

initiative in a speech . . . The art here is in the words "after", "series", "embarrassing" and "regain" "After" suggests (but does not state) that the attacks prompted the speech. They may not have. "Series" suggests (but does not state) that the attacks are linked. part of a "story" of discontent. There may be no such "Embarrassing" implies (but does not state) that Mr Blair was embarrassed. He may not have been. "Regain" suggests (but does not state) that the

initiative had been lost. That is a matter of opinion. But it is the "after" here which is critical to the linkage which forms the either after, before or at the same time as everything else. Pointing this out is either meaningless or tendentious. "Following" and math" of", like "poised to" or "on the eve of", are heavily relied upon for the same effect. Most common

of all is "as": "As John

Major struggled to reassert

implication may or may not be true, but the journalist seeks to keep both his bun and his ha' inally inviting his the inference

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which we imply a pattern or not chronological but spatial relationships. Facts "together with" other facts are reported. Individuals are "at the centre of" (or "linked to") events, which then "spiral" or form part of a "downward spiral". Setbacks are part of a "rash" or "outbreak". Demands come in "choruses". Gains are part of a "pattern" of

Thirdly there is a journalistic staple, the implied dynamic. Key words here include "wave". "growing", "mounting". "increasing", "rocketing". "spreading", "heightened", "falling" and "plummeting". To read our prose, you might imagine that the future really comes in waves - whereas, as someone once observed, it comes on little cat's feet. But the wave is vital to newspapermen, for the wave is the story. It provides for followup stories. It creates a memorable image out of what may be no more than the observation that something has happened twice or more. Heightening public makes it more reportable. So further examples are reported and the story causes a wave - not of instances, but of reports. I doubt whether a political iournalist can avoid recourse to these devices But devices they are. Readers should be aware of them.

If the IRA really wants a united Ireland, it should not have blown apart the nationalist coalition

the IRA bomb in east London is an extraordinary blunder as well as an extraordinary crime. Three days ago the nationalist position was stronger than at any time in the present troubles. The issue was whether the Unionists could be brought to negotiate without preconditions other than mere verbal assurances. The skilful political leadership of Gerry Adams had created almost a united front on this issue which included Sinn Fein, the SDLP. the Irish Government, Senator Mitchell and the American Government. The Unionists and the British Government had already been forced to concede talks without any prior decommissioning of terrorist arms. They had put forward a counter-proposal of elections before talks. Even this had been attacked by the Irish Government and criticised in Washington. The pressure was still on. Even in Britain, public opinion

conditions ought not to stand in the way of early talks.
The bomb has reversed all this. The IRA barely even informed Sinn Fein in advance that it was going to end the ceasefire. Whatever Sinn Fein does now, it can no longer speak for the IRA. Three days ago there was a united demand for early talks, sup-Gerry Adams had put together. Now the nationalist front is completely broken. The Irish and American Governments have reverted to a hardline anti-terrorist position. The suspicions of the Unionists and the British Government have been pub-licly justified. The IRA has lost its whole political dimension by demon-strating its contempt for Sinn Fein. The Unionists are no longer under Indeed the Unionists are the only

howed a growing feeling that pre-

Isle of Dogs may be the IRA's Waterloo

The public does not have any idea who decided to resume the bombing. We can see Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, but they are the leaders who were repudiated. Who were the leaders who thought that a bomb in east London was better than a coalition of nationalist sympathy which stretched from Dublin to the White House? How do their minds work? There were two contrasting public opinions in Ireland which may. have influenced the IRA leaders. On nationalists who thought the peace process was simply a postponement operation by the British. They argued that words were not getting any-where, so it would be better to go back to bombs. No doubt that feeling was widespread in the IRA itself. both north and south of the border. Perhaps some of these people had not wanted the ceasefire in the first place. They certainly did not understand the

success of Gerry Adams's diplomacy. The IRA leaders may have been even more warried by the very popularity of the ceasefire, particularly among the Roman Catholics of Northern Ireland, Indeed many Northern Ireland Catholics, particularly in the middle class, have by now become covert Unionists. They want peace far more than they want a united ireland; many of them do not want a united Ireland at all. To the IRA men, the peace process may have threatened to bring about long term. Catholic acquiescence in the Union: they may also have felt that peace would make the IRA itself redundant It would offer a role for Sinn Pein, but not for them. They may well have been jealous of Gerry Adams, negotiating on behalf of their power base

In their previous bombing campaign in London, the IRA had stumbled on an economic target which it must have been tempted to hit again. The older London, down to

William Rees-Mogg

When the car bomb was detonated outside Harrods, it killed some sers by, but the damage to the Harrods building was soon repaired at moderate cost. From the 1960s onwards, the most important new buildings were constructed of what Lord Curzon called "brass and glass". A bomb could blow out the lass and distort the framework, so that the cost of repair was close to that of replacement. £1,000 worth of explosive can do £100 million of damage, a high return on the terror-

been a terrorist target throughout the period of most of this new building, it was very imprudent architecture, it has given the IRA an almost unlimited supply of vulnerable high-value

There may also be people in the IRA who did believe in the peace process, but thought it needed a jolt, to remind everyone of what the IRA could do: A lesy weeks of spectacular terror, followed by another ceaseline, would from its point of view be the best way to force the British Government to the negotiating table. The nationalist coalition could then be reassembled, and it would be argued that the new opportunity should be taken quickly, because the British hall been too skew to take the old one.

his is at least a rational calculation, but it tiverlocks the one factor that always is being overlooked. The great that they are ultimately dealing with the British Government. They are not. They are dealing with the Propostant community of Northern Ireland. Of course concessions could the uning our of Downing Street, if the Unionists were willing it make them. The British Government might conceivably be bombed to the conference table, the Unionists cannot be There is only one way for the nationalists to get the Protestants into

them. It is true that the Ulster Protestants would probably play a preater role in a united Ireland them bey do in the United them. It is true that the Ulster Protestants would probably play a greater role in a united Ireland than they do in the United Kingdom. They are probably the tougher and setter educated community; they could well dominate much of Irish life, particularly in business. As the strength of the Catholic Church declines in the South northern Protestants might South, northern Protestants might prefer to be important in Ireland rather than to go on being relatively unimportant in Britain. I doubt if that is what most nationalists want: they love the old Celtic Catholic culture, which is already losing to the urban modernism of the new Ireland. as the referendum on divorce showed. Add the Protestant modernism of the North and the old Ireland would be decisively outweighed. The border has come to be more of a protection than a threat to the old Celtic Catholic culture. That piles paradox on paradox.

The IRA survives because it fits into ancient Irish myths of oppression, rebellion and bloodshed. Its purpose is to unite Ireland; but Ireland can only be united, if it ever is, by a process in which peace is the first-step and persuasion the second. The Prot estants have to be persuaded that a united treiand would be a better home for them than a rather cold and distant United Kingdom. The great peace or persuasion, is the IRA, which has even now destroyed the Ireland would inevitably lose out to the new modern and partly post-Christian Ireland of Dublis, and Belfast. Subjectively, the IRA wants to unite Ireland, objectively, it keeps Ireland divided. Subjectively, a uni ted Ireland would be a victory for the

At young Malcolm's feet

Peter Riddell on

the prospect of White Papering

over the Tories'

Euro-divisions

to be the great unifier of over Europe. His vehinext month on the Government's approach to the inter-governmental conference (IGC). This may, and should, confirm a new Tory consensus on Europe, but will it represent a credible negotiating position for Brit-ain? Ever since the Maastricht battles of three years ago, these two aims have been in conflict. Mr Rifkind is in an easier position

than his predecessor. Douglas Hurd sought to be the reasonable man in an unreasonable world. But he was frustrated, if never quite defeated, by the fissiparous tendencies of his party. That is why Mr Hurd last year opposed a White Paper on Europe, for fear that it would exacerbate Tory divisions. Now, in more harmonious circumstances. Mr Rifkind favours one because it may demonstrate unity. He is keen to appear as the conciliator, building bridges to reach loyalist sceptics such as Sir Michael Spicer's European Research Group. Mr Rifkind welcomed John Redwood's statement last week about the White Paper, not because he agrees with all the detailed proposals, but for its more constructive tone, accepting that Britain's future is in the European Union. Some of Mr Redwood's allies were annoyed that at the launch news conference Bill Cash blurred this positive impression with typically uncompromising remarks. But Mr Riskind's sceptical tone has

annoyed some pro-European ministers who used to regard him as an aily. They suspect him of shifting last year so as to make himself a more broadly acceptable Foreign Secretary, and now to boost his chances in



any future leadership battle. His odds are improving in these stakes, although he is still disliked by the keepers of the Thatcher flame for alleged unreliability and inconsisten-cy in her later years. In his defence, he claims that as the British representative in the mid 1980s on the Dooge committee which preceded the Single European Act, he opposed a single currency, greater powers for the European Parliament and more majority voting.

Nonetheless, the White Paper is unlikely to satisfy hardline scep-tics. It will pull together existing statements and conclude with, in the words of one minister, some of the "vision thing". It may, therefore, seem bland. But more important is the attempt to lower expectations, to avoid laying down demands for repatristion of powers which the scepties would like but which are, in

ATTORN TO BELLEVIOLET

practice, unachievable. The White Paper will not discuss monetary union, where Mr Rifkind favours keeping open Britain's options since he wants to retain influence on a decision which could have a profound impact on the country.

The official line on the IGC is low-

key: there is nothing Britain desper-ately needs. There is no big wish-list. There are some changes we would like, such as the creation of an appeals mechanism in the European Court of Justice and limitation of the retrospective impact of its rulings where there has been no blatant intention to flout directives, as in the case of the pregnant servicewomen.
The Government wants to change the balance of voting on the Council of Ministers, to alter the six-monthly

presidency system to favour larger states, and to give national parliaments more say in the preparation of European legislation.

The Government opposes significant changes in qualified impority voting and in the powers of the European Pathisment between the con-Buropean Parliament (Except in controlling the Commission); and is strongly against any attempt to move away from an inter-governmental approach to foreign, justice and immigration policies or any undermining of Nato's central role in

The Labour Party agrees much more with the Toxies than it does with other European left-of-centre parties on such matters as defence and border controls. Apart from the social chapter opt-out, the two parties differ mainly over Labour's support for an extension of qualified majority voting on social, environmental and region-

than either party pretends. If there is a Blair government, other European countries might be surprised to hear misny familiar British objections expressed by new Labour ministers. It might be akin to the Potsdam Conference in 1945, when Attlee replaced Churchill in the middle of proceedings, but, to Stalin's evident displeasure, these was no real change

The main change if Labour won would be in attitude and language, and pernaps in the room for manocuvre in negotiation. By contrast, the forthcoming White Paper, may not eave ministers with sufficient flexibility in reach agreement. In the short term, these tactics suit John Major and Mr Riftlind if Britain has no urgent demands, it is also in no highly to complete the IGC. Delay would keep the sceptics quiet before

if this is not sustainable.

Germany and France may not want an arm sious Maastricht Two, but they regard the IGC as a necessary first step to far more important questions 🗧 of EU enlargement and monetary union. While there has been much smugness in London over the recent doubts in Germany about the timetable for monetary union, no one should inderestimate Chancellor Kohl's determination to press ahead Meanwhile, even preliminary talks on enlargement captot start until the IGC is over.

The IGC is a distraction from these

cerifial issues and from the need to re-establish public confidence in the European Union, in theory, it should not be hard to compromise in the IGC on minor institutional adjustments to qualified majority voting and the like, but the Major Government does not look like being able to agree even small changes, such is the internal Tory opposition to any concessions. In that respect, the White Paper may be more of a Tory party concordat than a realistic long term plan for Britain's European policy. Mr Rifkind's success in achieving the former may only defer decisions on the latter. Britain seems condemned never to resolve its relationship with the rest of Europe.

Top counsel

LORD LONGFORD, the nonagen-arian who has long campaigned on behalf of Myra Hindley, has taken up a new cause. He has been devoting his energies to Kevin Maxwell, who was last month cleared of fraud charges after giving evidence for more than 70 hours.

The other day, Longford enter-tained Kevin, his wife Pandora and his counsel, Alun Jones, QC. to a celebratory lunch at a discreet Polish restaurant in Kensington. The acquittal was celebrated with occasional snaps of vodka, and Longford pledged his commitment to helping Maxwell through his next ordeal — the fresh prosecution



Pandora and Kevin

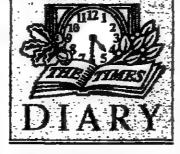
by the Serious Fraud Office described by Pandora as the last lash of the dragon's tail".

There was one absentee from the lunch, however, Lady Longford. the royal biographer, had tripped on a pavement that morning. She fell on her face and felt unable to attend. "I didn't want to frighten anybody. I look like a Tamil Tiger with two furious black eyes. It's perfectly menacing."

Name game

LORD HOWE of Aberavon revists Chevening this week on Radio 4's Going Places, and takes its listeners on a guided tour of the house. A nostalgic programme, its most poigrant moment comes when Howe points out some trees in the garden.

There are three trees we planted in honour of our first ministerial dog, so to speak," he says with a lump in his throat. "Budget was the dog I had when I was Chancellor of the Exchequer. Sadly, he was killed not long after we came here. and there are trees in his memory." He adds that the plaque doesn't record the result of a competition



run by Marcia Falkender in a national newspaper for the best name for a Foreign Office dog, as op-posed to a Treasury dog. "She was mischievous enough to give the prize to someone who called it Fudge It." says Howe sadly. "But we called it Summit instead."

Hat trick

PRINCE EDWARD'S girlfriend. Sophie Rhys-Jones, attracted admiring glances at a society wedding in London on Saturday on account of her hat, a wide-brimmed felt affair with a distinctive red. green and purple-striped band. But as guests of Damian Riley-Smith and his bride Pippa were

leaving the church, she noticed

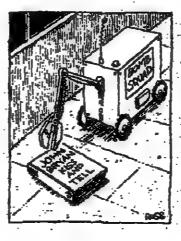
somebody else wearing exactly the same titler. She nudged the Prince

to point out the sartorial faux pas drew her hand to her mouth in mock horror — and then convulsed. into giggles behind her Order of Service.

No tears

AS I mentioned last week, Teresa Gorman is less than pleased about the reference to her in Edwina Currie's desperate bonkbuster as a "benign little granny", and she retaliated insult for insult.

But Teresa does not appear to be alone in finding Edwina's Pepsident smile a little hard to stomach.



Gillian Shephard regales dinner guests with the story of a visit to a factory in her own constituency where workers were peeling on-ions. When the Education Secretary's eyes started to stream and her mascara began to run grotesquely, she says, she was pron ly mistaken by factory staff for the author of authors, Edwina Currie.

Tony Blair's plans to reform the Lords have not made the staff in. its library any more worldly. When Eard Herity ambled in the other day and asked for a volume of Wordsworth's poems, the individ-ual on the desk looked up helpfulig. "And what would be Mr Wordsworth's Christian name, sir?"

Just testing

A SEVERE blow to learner drivers comes in a bulletin from Scotland, where an Aberdeen publisher, Keith Murray, has finally given up the struggle after 35 attempts to pass his test.

one might have thought that after some 1,450 lessons and £9,000 spent trying to learn to drive-over the past decade, he would be in with a chance. But he says he will not be filling in a 36th test ap IT MUST HAVE been the spectac-plication form. Treally don't think utar stage lighting: at the English I could take another disappoint. National Opera's impressive Tris-



Are they by any chance related? The Duchess and Conneli

person at the best of times and I just couldn't handle doing my test with someone sitting beside me watching my every move."

He claims that fate conspired against him from the start. In his first test, ten years ago, he ended up following a hearse back to the test centre. I knew it was a badomen — I just didn't realise quite how bad."

Evening job



mera, says Keith. I'm a nervous tan and Isolde on Saturday, I coul.

have sworn that the Duchess York had found employment as iva. Her statuesque figure appear

to glide serenely across stage. It tian hair falling gently about h shoulders and tragedy unfoldital King Mark ENO claims that Isolde's nell

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THEMSELVES ALONE

Democrats should talk to each other, not the IRA

the human and financial cost of the London Oocklands bomb is still being counted. The way forward politically through the wreckige of the peace process remains unclear. but the need to reaffirm certain key rinciples has never been clearer.

The first is a straightforward refusal to engage in talks with a terrorist organisation ictively prosecuting a murderous campaign. ohn Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, has nade it clear that Sinn Fein cannot expect to set a word in his ear, let alone a place at any able, until there is a complete cessation of iolence. It would be unthinkable if Sinn ein representatives could continue to press heir case in Dublin Castle drawing rooms while their comrades in arms sought to exact urther concessions by physical force.
The resumption of the armed struggle by

he IRA is a clear signal that the republican novement still, in its heart, believes that nolence is the way to secure its end. For hose who hoped to habituate Sinn Fein to lemocratic politics and all its attendant ompromises, it is an uncomfortable hought that the men with real power in epublican ranks still regard the bomb as he most effective solution to any argument. hose nationalists, including members of he Irish Government, who are inclined to lame British intransigence for the IRA eturn to violence should reflect on how little he republican mind has seemed to alter fter nearly 18 months of peace. What if britain had called all-party talks? What if, ny some miracle. Unionists who had seen heir constituents slaughtered by a criminal Chronspiracy had sat at the same table with the till-armed apologists for those atrocities? an anyone now be in doubt what would be he republican reaction to a settlement that ell short of their goal? If simple impatience vith the pace of movement towards talks - - an trigger a renewal of bombing, the IRA

would certainly not have balked at returning

o violence if the talks themselves did not go

. is way. The IRA still believes that the

wertures which led to talks with the British

regan with the success of the bombing

campaign in the City. It has still to learn that

violence does not pay.

The best way of reinforcing that message is to try to bind together all those with an interest in seeing democracy determine Northern Ireland's future. Although he remains cool towards the idea of an elected peace convention in Ulster, Mr Bruton should be encouraged to explore how common ground can be found between London and Dublin as well as democrats north and south.

Some nationalists argue that the Irish Government should keep talking to Sinn Fein. They are playing the IRA's game, giving licence to its programme of political and military advance. Constitutional nationalists should instead work towards agreement with the Unionist majority in Ulster, seeking mechanisms which can build institutional stability and safeguard the liberties of minorities. The Unionists have a role to play. Moderate Irish opinion is sickened by the IRA's actions but uncertain how to proceed. Rather than allow Sinn Fein's allies to make the running, Unionists should signal their readiness to talk to those in Dublin willing to see democracy entrenched in Ulster.

When the political path seems blocked there is always a temptation to fall back on a pure security solution. The Cabinet, rightly, spent much of last night reviewing what new measures must be taken: Dublin could also, with profit, move against the terrorists who continue to operate within its jurisdiction. But security measures alone will not solve the underlying causes of conflict. Terrorists must realise that the armed security forces on the streets express an iron political will to advance by democratic means and to resolve disagreements by politics. The IRA should be reminded that the future of Ulster is a matter for the people of the Province and their elected representatives and that this will not alter under threat of violence. If politicians in London, Dublin, Washington and Belfast can work together to uphold those principles, then there may yet be hope

WARM ECONOMIC FRONT

amid the rubble.

Cheerful government forecasts are not wishful thinking

When the Government publishes its month-'v unemployment and inflation figures this week, both are likely to be moving in the ight direction - downwards. Ministers will leclare that Britain now has the healthiest economy in Europe. Yet in the City, dozens of companies have given warning of disappointing profits; rarely a day passes without nundreds of new redundan is littly to be politicians rather than businessmen who offer the more reliable picture. When they unveil their profits, company chairmen are, by definition, looking back at the past year's performance. But for 1996, some much more encouraging trends can clearly be discerned. Not only are the economic statistics showing improvement, but the elusive factor of confidence seems to be coming back. Gallup and MORI surveys last week, both of which showed modest swings of support back to the Tories, also revealed that consumers are becoming more confident about their financial future, less pessionistic about the state of the economy and less insecure about their jobs, Meanwhile the European Commission's Eurobarometer survey of business opinion published last week showed Britain as the only major economy in Europe where business confidence was now climbing.

On their own, these statistical indicators are no more than straws in the wind. Statistics can decrive almost as easily as enlighten. In 1990, the Treasury convinced itself on the basis of monthly statistics that there was no threat of a recession. A year ago, the Governor of the Bank of England was demanding higher interest rates: some carefully selected monthly statistics supported his idiosyncratic proposition that Britain was threatened by an inflationary boom. Statistics must be that 1996 will prove a better year than 1995.

set in the context of world economic conditions and the policies of governments and central banks at home and abroad. Fortunately, this context is steadily improving.

In Britain, interest rates are falling, the tax burden is modestly easing, employment is growing, albeit slowly, and wages are rising comfortably - but not yet alarmingly faster than the rate of inflation. Two accidental financial factors in 1996 could even produce a mild consumer boom before the year is out: maturing tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas) and windfalls from building society mergers will unlock some £35 billion - equivalent to 5 per cent of gross domestic product - in the next 18 months. Even if 80 per cent of this money were reinvested and only 20 per cent were spent, the addition to consumer demand in the next 12 months would be worth about 1 per cent of GDP - the equivalent of a one-off reduction of 3p in the standard rate of tax.

The news from abroad is, at first sight, less cheerful. While the American and Japanese economies are almost certainly poised for a decent recovery, Britain's key export markets in Germany and France could well be on the brink of serious recessions. Yet even in Europe, the deflationary ice seems to be breaking. In France public opinion seems to have moved against the dangerous policies adopted in the name of EMU. In Germany, the Bundesbank is showing signs of genuine alarm about the economic damage it has caused in the past year. In both countries, interest rates are at or near record low levels - and further reductions almost certainly lie ahead. Thus even the British businesses which depend on exports to Europe have good reasons to hope

DELICIOUS CULTURE

Why French children must learn how to eat

"I live," that great wordsmith Molière has one of his characters say, "on good soup, not fine words." It must have been a slip of the pen. In no country could this distinction be more artificial, or less apposite, than in France. Since at least the time of Rabelais, ideas and food have gone together in France as nowhere else. No tables rival the French. restaurateur's for variety, subtlety, constantly inventive skill - and commercial acumen. The language of gastronomy, free-market ambassador for France's claims to cultural distinctiveness, speeds French ideas acrossthe globe far more effectively than its subsedised cinematic historical blockbusters cain.

A France out of sympathy with Escoffieror the cassoulet would be cut loose from its history. It is hard to imagine any Frenchman saying with Molière's near-contem-porary, Swift, "I value not your bill of fare." give me your bill of company." But the foodof the child maketh the taste of the grown man - witness the Spotted Dick of London clubs, and French children are coming to be more aperse to garlic or boeuf à la mode than many an infant Mancaman.

be seen elegantly perched on the back of a chair at a venerable Left Bank brasserie. the family at table to peck at a salad and sip a royal compliment, myally deserved.

from a wine glass. Beside the bird, his sevenyear-old mistress followed her celeri remoulade with two classics invented on the field of battle by French chefs: sauté de veau Marengo and pommes soufflées. Today, the cock-erel's presence would doubtless breach hygiene regulations. Worse still, even if the grown up child's daughter did not insist on being taken to a takeaway hamburger or pizza joint, she would demand steack frites.

It is therefore good news that the French are starting to fight the craze for le fast food and in a manner belitting the masters of the omelette, the finest fast food in the world. British teachers may be reduced to emphasising "healthy" diets in schools; but in France, food is something to celebrate.

When French chefs tour schools to arouse children's curiosity about forgotten tastes and traditions, they give lessons in national excellence - and also in the virtues of the proud individualism which, de Gaulle used to complain, make the French ungovernable. Food is the Frenchman's riposte to the heavy hand of the bureaucrat, national or European. When he sided with French cooks against Brussels over unpasteurised cheese, the Prince of Wales did more for the entente cordiale than a trainload of diplomats. May This overgrown Easter chicken had joined. French cooks of the future continue to repay

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Damage done to Irish peace hopes

From Sir David Mitchell, MP for Hampshire North West

Sir, The tragic events of last week (reports, article and leading article, Febroary 10) bring into the open a question I have been asking myself for some time. Do the IRA (or perhaps it should now be did they) ever want the peace process to move forward?

Why else did they refuse to make even a token reduction in their weaponry? Why should they want to reach the democratic institutions towards which the peace process inevitably led? Why should they want to ex-change centre stage for 10 per cent of a democratic mandate?

It seems a reasonable assumption that it was the prospect of an increasing tempo in the peace process which led them to opt out and opt for vio-

In Belfast last week, after an absence of some months, one could really feel the optimism and the dramatic improvement in the quality of life as both sides of the sectarian divide enjoyed the peace dividend. The best hope for the future of all who live in the island of Ireland is that the nationalist community gives no help and no refuge to those the police and Garda are now seeking.

Sadly yours, DAVID MITCHELL (Northern Ireland Minister, 1980-83), House of Commons. February II.

From Mr M. Brooks

Sir, It must be obvious to anyone that a campaign of terror offers no solution to the problems of Northern Ireland. Every atrocity perpetrated by the IRA diminishes rather than enhances the prospect of their ever achieving the united Ireland for which they claim to strive. The London bombing is a futile act, achieving nothing more than the suffering of innocent civilians.

Nevertheless, this latest outrage presented Mr Gerry Adams with an unparalleled opportunity to condemn such wanton acts of terrorism and dissociate himself from them. Such a condemnation would have reinforced his credentials as a democratic politician and done something to reassure his political opponents in Northern Ireland that there is indeed a real and important distinction to be drawn between Sinn Fein and the IRA.

That instead he chose to express mere "sadness" at the bombing and blamed the British Government for it reveals him in his true colours. The political initiatives of the last 18 months have been based on the pre-mise that Sinn Fein is an authentic political party capable of committing itself to the democratic process and eschewing support for violence. This now appears to have been false.

Until the British and Irish Governments face up to this unpalatable and depressing fact there will be no real progress towards the achievement of a long-term solution to the Northern Ireland problem.

Yours sincerely. M. BROOKS, Ty Newydd, Nr Cowbridge, South Glamorgan. February 10.

From Mrs.V. M. Crews

Sir, The one statesmanlike act of John Major's premiership has, in my view, been his attempt to bring peace to

Alas, because of his small majority, he could not afford to offend the Ulster Unionists and lose their support in the House of Commons.

The result: after 17 months still no round-table all-party talks in spite of the best efforts of Eire and the United

The best hope of peace in Ulster has been lost because John Major was, in the end, only a party-political leader and not a statesman.

Yours etc. V. M. CREWS. l-Delffield Close, Beckenham, Kent. February 9.

The Scott inquiry

From Mrs Monica Wilson

Sir, As a concerned and interested member of the public, I spent three days early in 1994 at the Scott inquiry (reports, February 8, 9; interview, February 16). Two things struck me forcibly: the

extreme courtesy and patience shown to witnesses, who were never hurried, harried or disparaged, and the apper-ent onease of public servants, who seemed unwilling to be questioned about their actions.

On each occasion I went home convinced that setting up the inquiry had been one of the best decisions the Prime Minister had made. I came to the conclusion that some of those who govern us have little respect for us and make it difficult for the whole truth to be uncovered: but I also concluded that the criticisms and recommendations eventually proposed by the in-quiry were likely to make such atti-tudes unacceptable in the future and that we might well be on the threshold of a fundamental change in the con-

duct of public life. I hope I shall not be proved wrong.

Yours etc. MONICA WILSON. 6 Gareway Road, W2 February 10.

Hard decisions on the countryside

From Professor J. B. Cullingworth

Sir. The statement of unity on protecting the countryside by the three main party leaders (letter, February 9) is ap-pealing to all who value the heauty of the English countryside, but the historical parallel is more potent than the three party leaders probably realise.

The earlier statement by Baldwin, MacDonald and Lloyd George was followed by development in the counryside on a massive scale: over two million houses were built in the fol-lowing II years, with little regard to their surroundings or their impact.

Despite major planning legislation, little effective action was taken to prevent this until the introduction of comprehensive land use controls under the Town and Country Planning Acts, in particular those of 1943, 1944 and 1947. These controls have been highly effective in controlling the urbanisation of the countryside.

We are now faced with the need to build a similar number of houses. Where are they to go? Some can be built in the existing cities (given the use of land acquisition powers and adequate funding for clearance and in-frastructure). More can be built by the expansion of country towns and villages, though experience shows that this frequently leads to an increase in commuting by private car.

The majority of the houses will need to be built either on the edge of present urban areas or in new settlements. The powers exist, but they are pre-dominantly being used to stop development, not to channel it to the most efficient locations.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England (who have achieved a real publicity scoop by persuading the party leaders to sign their letter) is vodiferous in its opposition to what it sees as a threat to the countryside from excessive housing development and as a preoccupation with statistical

Every proposal for new develop-ment brings forth opposition of this kind, not only from the CPRE, but also from the residents of the areas where major new settlements could be developed. The town and country planning legislation is a godsend to those seeking to protect their own local interests - and MPs and ministers feel compelled to support them.

methods of projecting household for-

What is needed is a positive policy of promoting new towns in areas where the advantages of location, public transport and environmental quality can be maximised. Such deveforments will inevitably destroy some countryside values. The resolution of this conflict will require hard decisions and difficult choices between the goals of adequate housing and the preservation of areas of beautiful countryside.

Yours faithfully, J. B. CULLINGWORTH, University of Cambridge, Department of Land Economy, 19 Silver Street, Cambridge.

Judges' role in sentencing debate

From Mr Hugh Mooney

Sir, I cannot accept Mr Neville Goldrein's view of the respective roles of politicians and judges in matters of sentencing (letter, February 3).

I suggest that Parliament and the judiciary are not so separate as Mr Goldrein makes out. The Lord Chancellor is both a judge and a Cabinet minister. The top judges are made life peers, as are members of our law-making Parliament. They have a right

and duty to speak out.

The mandatory life sentence for murder is an anomaly which should be ended, not extended. The sentence of the court, reached after a public trial and hearing of evidence, is surely to be preferred to a decision taken in secret long after the event by the Home Secretary and civil servants, who may be swayed by political and financial considerations.

If Mr Goldrein really thinks that the politicians and judges should stick to their own lasts, then it would be more logical for him to urge the Home Secretary not to meddle with sentencing and trust the judges to use their discretion. Justice will be better

Yours faithfully, HUGH MOONEY, l Anchor Cottage, Prickwillow Road, Isleham, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

From Dr A. T. H. Smith

Sir, It is a great pity that, when the judges exercise the greater freedom of speech permitted to them by the current Lord Chancellor when he relaxed the Kilmuir rules, it should be denigrated by a senior MP as (according to the headline to a report in your earlier

editions today) "sniping".

The judges are making a contribution to the debate about a matter in which they have considerable expertise. Their view is entitled to an airing: they are not seeking to make law, but openly to contribute their experience to the law-making process.

What could be more sensible than that? Would Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC, have them return to their inscrutable

Yours faithfully, A. T. H. SMITH. Gonville and Caius College. Cambridge. February 6.

A new royal yacht

From Mr C. Harker

Sir, The idea of combining the function of a royal yacht and a sail training ship into one vessel to act as an ambassador for this country is most

I accept, as Rear-Admiral Bawtreet states in Libby Purves's article (Weekend, February 3; see also letter, February 8), that the vessel must be "a zenith of good design", but we must not re-ject the design for square rigged sail-ing ships reached at the end of the 19th

Just look at the Cutty Sark, or the iron square riggers built on the Clyde in the 1880s. Those of us who sail and maintain Thames barges, smacks and bawleys here on the East Coast know that today you may successfully use the materials and constructional methods of the 20th century to maintain the ships of the 19th century.

However, if you impose 20th-century thinking upon 19th-century design you end up producing a hybrid which is pleasing to neither modernist nor purist, and certainly does no credit to our maritime heritage. it to our maritime heritage.

Yours faithfully. C. HARKER. 9 Sandringham Court, Ipswich Road, Norwich, Norfolk

Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

From Mrs Sheila Faith

Sir, I was a member of the Parole Board for several years and at the last AGM which I attended in 1994, I was one of those present who told the Home Secretary of the concern felt about certain cases where the board had no alternative but to allow the release of prisoners if they were coming to the end of a sentence, even when psychiatric and other reports indicated there was still an element of risk. Thankfully this applies to only a very small number of cases but nevertheless it causes much anxiety.

At present only those prisoners ser-ving "life sentences" can be detained on grounds of public safety.

I can therefore well understand why the Home Secretary is proposing that anyone who commits rape or carries out a violent crime for a second time should be given a so-called life sen-tence, so that in future they would fall into the category of those who are only released at their annual review when all the safety criteria have been taken

Yours etc. SHEILA FAITH, Il Merlin House, Oak Hill Park, . Hampstead, NW3. February 6.

From Mr Anthony Amstell

Sir, Having served as a magistrate in a number of countries with minimum sentences for some crimes (eg, in Botswana, where 10 years is the minimum for some drug offences), I have no doubt that such sentences are counter-productive.

More often than not, when I had a case where the defendant was guilty but clearly did not deserve anything like the full minimum sentence, I felt obliged to acquit. This, as I saw it, was the only way of avoiding a gross and quite frightening injustice.
I believe that if the Home Secre-

tary's proposal for minimum sentences were to be implemented we would frequently be faced with the same kind of jury acquittals which used to occur in murder cases prior to the abolition of capital punishment.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY AMSTELL, 10 Rowan Close,

Sway, Lymington, Hampshire.

From Mr Michael Hill

Sir, It is less than six years to the Queen's Golden Jubilee. What better way to celebrate it and to demonstrate the warmth, affection and respect in which she is held by the vast majority of her people than for an appeal to be

Even for those who do not support the monarchy, what better way to show that we, as a people, believe in

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL HILL Fulwood Park Lodge, Liverpool 17.

From Mr John Crookshank

Sir, I hope Libby Purves's proposal becomes reality in due course. My sole quibble with her article is the remark that the existing Britannia lies "unused against a wall in Portsmouth for five months a year".

In her first 40 years the Royal Yacht steamed well over a million sea miles and undertook 1.021 missions from state visits (84) to fleet reviews (8) and including 50 commercial days.

Time spent at Portsmouth over this amazingly sustained career has been largely in a dry dock to keep her in a condition to maintain such a career or in preparing for the next mission.

Yours sincerely, JOHN CROOKSHANK Ivy House, North Street, Westbourne Emsworth, Hampshire.

Threat to Taiwan's new democracy

From Ms Hui-Chuan Wang

Sir, It is heartening to read your lead-ing article ("Stand by Taiwan", Febru-ary 6) which condemns unequivocally China's aggressive behaviour to

wards Taiwan.
It often seems to me that attention paid to Taiwan in this country focuses only on its economic success. However, democracy is more precious than the rate of economic growth. After decades under martial law, Taiwanese people are now enjoying the sweetness of freedom of speech. This new-found freedom is being

eagerly pursued in order to right the wrongs of the past. The aboriginal people of Taiwan, for example, are campaigning to save their languages and traditions and to combat discrimination. Women, workers, environ-mentalists, the disabled and many other groups are speaking up for changes in legislation. But just as we begin to have a taste of freedom, we are threatened by a more ruthless au-

thoritarian regime.
The West seems to regard the divide between Taiwan and China mainly as a continuation of the feud between Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Tse-tung. But the divide goes deeper than that. Taiwan has not been ruled by Peking since 1895, when the island was ceded

to Japan. No one can deny that half a century of Japanese colonisation left indelible marks in many aspects of Taiwanese society. However much China likes to refer to itself as the "motherland", the Taiwanese have been apart from China for a very long time: our ancestors began to come to the island in the second half of the 17th century.

Taiwan has as good a case for seeking independence as Australia for becoming a republic.

Yours faithfully, HUI-CHUAN WANG, 14 Cavendish Road, NW6. February 6.

Healthy language \(\) From Mr Richard Kaberry

Sir, Professor Jean Aitchison's Reith Lecture ("Why a healthy language has to sometimes break the rules", February 7) makes the correct, if not entirely original point, that language should be described rather than prescribed. But in advocating the relaxation of rigid rules she seems to imply that there is no such thing as "right" and

"wrong" usage. If a primary purpose of language is to get others to accurately understand what we wish to convey, then using a ncorrect ertheless semantically crystal clear (such as "different to") is something we should perhaps worry less about

However, I wonder how Professor Aitchison would view the use of "continuous", when "continual" is meant? Or would she query the use of "infer" if she suspected that "imply" was meant? Such blurring of words with different meanings impoverishes the language, leaving one meaning where there were two and, more importantly, diminishing understanding. Such concerns are not merely pedantic.

Whilst we should applaud the general tenor of Professor Aitchison's approach, it would be regrettable if we came away with the impression that anything goes. There is still a place for teaching and advocating "good" us-

RICHARD KABERRY, 15 Dorrington Road, Sale, Cheshire. February 7.

A squirrel warning

From the National Chairman of

the Timber Growers Association Sir, Were Mr Harris (letter, February 9) one of the many woodland owners who have seen the work of a generation to grow crops of broadleaves ruined in weeks by bark-stripping following the displacement of red squirrels by greys, he would wonder no more why the greys need to be poi-

Poison is an emotive word. Warfarin at .02 per cent properly dispensed has no effect on other wildlife and is the best weapon that we have. It has no effect on birds. Other methods are on their way, but red squirrel populations are declining so fast that we have to act now using the best means at our disposal.

Yours faithfully, MARK CRICHTON MAITLAND, National Chairman, Timber Growers Association. 198 Upper Richmond Road, SW15.

Ways to fall asleep

From Mrs P. A. Booth

Sir, With reference to the Reverend R. J. Hills who prayed before going to sleep (letter, February 5; also letter, February 7). I do use this as a nighttime exercise. However, I pray alphabetically, ie, A for Anne, B for Bob etc.

As I have never reached the letter "K", in fairness to my friends at the end of the alphabet, I am now praying backwards. Hopefully all will benefit.

Yours truly, PAMELA A. BOOTH, Fryston. Derwent Lane, Hathersage, Nr Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

February 7.

ELECTRICITY



COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

February 10: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, UNICEF, this morning visited the Integrated Child Development Services, Varanasi, and the Gursandi Village Primary Education Project, Mirzapur,

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Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Government School and the Bikha Village,

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February II: The Prince Edward,

Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Abbott, 54:

General Sir John Akehurst, 66: General Sir John Archer, 72; Mr

Steve Backley, athlete, 27; Professor A.H. Beckett, former professor

of pharmacy, 76: Mr Roland Boyes, MP, 59; Lord Brocket, 44:

Mr Alexander Carlile, MP, 48: Viscount Chandos, 43; Miss An-

nette Crosbie, actress, 62: Mr

Howard Davies, former Director-General, CBI, 45; Sir James

Dunnett, civil servant, 82: Dr K.J.R. Edwards, Vice-Chancellor,

Leicester University, 62: Mr Ste

phen Gibbs, former chairman, Turner and Newall, 76; Lord

Granville of Eye. 97; Lord Greene of Harrow Weald, 86; Mr Paul Hamlyn, publisher, 70; Miss Christine Hancock, general secretary, Royal College of Nursing, 53; Str Robin Mackworth-Young,

Librarian Emeritus to The Queen, 76: Lord Morison, 65; Lord

Moyola, 73; Dame Alison Munro.

former High Mistress, St Paul's Girls School, 82; Mr John

Raisman, former chairman, Shell UK. 67: Mr Justice Rougier, 64; Mr

Fergus Slattery, rugby player, 45; Mr Peter Snape, MP, 54; the Hon Nicholas Soames, MP, 48; Mr Peter Temple-Morria, MP, 58; Sir

Aubrey Trotman-Dickenson, for-mer Principal, University of Wales College of Cardiff, 70; Lord Wigoder, QC, 75; Mr Albert Wil-liams, trade unionist, 69.

Birthdays today

Royal engagements

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

The Princess Royal, as President of the Patrons of Crime Concern, will launch the Legal and General kickstart handbook at the headquarters, Temple Court, 11 Queen Victoria Street, EC4, at 5.30; and will attend a Special Forces Chub 50th anniversary reception and dinner at the Imperial War Mu-seum at 7.40.

Ball to mark the Fortieth Anniver-

sary of the National Youth Theatre

of Great Britain at the Grosvenor

House Hotel, Park Lane, London

February II: The Duke of Kent.

President, the Royal Choral Soci-

ety, this evening attended a perfor-mance of the Dream of Gerontius

given by the Society and the Royal

Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

Luncheon

Royal Society of St George The Deputy Lord Mayor of West-minster, accompanied by Mrs Jiggers, was a speaker at a luncheon of the City of Westminster branch of the Royal Society of St George held on Saturday at the London Scottish Regimental Headquarters. Mr. Robert M. Sewell, chairman, and Mr John Star ton, also spoke. Members of the society from New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia were present.

Service dinner RMA Sandhersi

Officers of Waterloo Company, RMA Sandhurst, Intake 6, held a dinner on Saturday at the Infantry Mess, Warmister, to mark the anniversary of commissioning. Major-General P.I. Chiswell pre-sided.

Nature notes

BLUE TITS are going busily in and out of holes, prospecting for nest sites. The male birds are acquiring bright blue caps and backs and singing their faint song, like a brisk trickle of water. A few blackbirds are beginning to sing as the weather turns mild once more.

On the mountains and moors, ravens are courting: the male wheels and abouted dives, and sometimes flies for a moment on his back to impress the female. Some ravens are already building their bulky nests of sticks on ledges and in tree tops.

Winter wheat is coming through in the fields, and at the grassy edges field speed-well has heart-shaped leaves and small buds that will soon open into blue-and-white flow-



Rayen: acrobatic courtship

ers. Dandelions have rosettes of jagged leaves, and a bud like a small green thimble on a hollow, milky stalk in the middle. Woodlice huddle under stones in rockeries: they are relatives of shrimps and crabs, and always need to DJM | son Bradley, American army genkeep damp.



Clean-up uncovers 'lost' Leighton

By JOHN SHAW

TWO temporary art specialists working at the Victoria and Albert Museum have found the design for a fresco by Frederic Leighton that had been thought destroyed. De-tails of the discovery by Gabrielle Jansen, 32, and Arabelia Davies, 26, emerged

for the first time yesterday. On Thursday an exhibition of Leighton's work opens to mark the centenary of his death, and other major shows are taking place at the Royal Academy and his home in Holland Park, west London. Frederic Leighton was one

of the dominant figures of late Victorian art. His two vast semi-circular frescoes showing figures in architec-

BIRTHS: Thomas Campion, poet and musician, London, 1567; Jan

Swammerdam, entomologist, Amsterdam, 1637; Cotton Mather,

Puritan and writer, Boston, Massachuseus, 1663; George Had-

ley, meteorologist, London, 1685;

1757-85, Cambridge, baptised this day 1715; Charles Darwin, natural-

ist, Shrewsbury, 1809; Abraham Lincoln, 16th American President

1861-65, Larue County, Kentucky, 1809; Edward Forbes, naturalist,

Douglas, Isle of Man, 1815; George Meredith, novelist, Portsmouth, 1828; Marie Lloyd, music-hall

singer, London, 1870; Omar Nel-

tural settings are the centrepiece of the V&A exhibition.

A crucial part of the display exploring his working meth-ods will be a 35ft cartoon for one of them, The Arts of Industry as Applied to Peace, which was finished in November 1883. It has long been a mystery that while this sur-vived intact, there was no record of what happened to its partner, for The Arts of Industry as Applied To War.

which was completed in 1877. Miss Jansen, an art conservationist trained in Florence, who was working on a temporary contract at the museum with Miss Davies, from the Courtauld Institute, said they found it by accident while cleaning away the sur-

Anniversaries

eral, Clark, Missouri, 1893; Max

Beckmann, Expressionist painter, Leipzig, 1884; Roy Harris, com-

DEATHS: Lady Jane Grey, Queen of England May 6-19, 1553; exe-cuted London, 1554; Charles Le Brun, painter, Versailles, 1690; Pierre Marivaux, novelist and

Hsueb-ch'in, novelist, Peking, 1763; Ts'ao Hsueb-ch'in, novelist, Peking, 1763; Immanuel Kant, philosopher, Königsberg, Germany, 1804; Sir Astley Cooper, sargeon, 1964; Herre von Billes.

London, 1841: Hans von Bülow.

Lincoln County, Oklahoma,

face dirt which covered most search fellow in Victorian of the main image of the Peace" cartoon.

The cartoon was extremly dirty because it had been on a roller for over 100 years. But as we removed the dirt. shadowy forms began to emerge which I recognised from seeing the other fresco.

"It was mostly the folds of the draperies which showed through because they are in lead white, which comes through the thin paint layers. It was very exciting as more forms began to emerge.
"Microscopic analysis of

tiny paint samples proved that what we thought was true, and that the missing first cartoon was hidden on demesth the second."

Dr Timothy Barringer, re-

pianist and conductor, Cairo, 1994; Liffle Langtry, actress, Monte Carlo, 1929; Charles Voysey, archi-tect, Winchester, 1941; H.M. Beneman, cartoonist, Malts, 1970.

Surrender of Prench troops who

J.W. Goodrich of Boston, Massachusetts, invented rubber galoshes, 1831.

The first inter-club football match

was played at Sheffield between Sheffield and Haliam, 1861.

The Manchu dynasty was over-thrown and China became a

claimed in Santiago, 1818.

landed at Per

republic, 1912.

the height of his career, and the nice thing is that we can now trace the whole process from beginning to end. To the nauseum curator and academic, it's the final piece of

studies at the museum until last year, said: This has been

a mystery for as long as

anyone has written about the frescoes. It is really a great

first cartoon had been de-

stroyed. It is a most welcome addition to our knowledge

about the body of Leighton's

Dr Barringer, now a lec-turer at Birkbeck College, London University, said:

These frescoes were done at

Everyone assumed the

discovery.

University news

the Leighton jigsaw."

Abigail Loelia Hall, formerly of Blackpool South Roun College, has been elected to a Nuffield Scholarship in Biological Science at Somerville College, Oxford,

Appointments ...

Mr Paul Anthony Mason Clark to be a Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate from February 19. Dr. Ian Peters has been appointed Deputy Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce in succession to Mr Richard Brown.

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Forthcoming marriages

Sir William Arbethnot, Bt. and Dr T.A.S. Bowyer Bower

The engagement is announced between William, elder son of the late Sir John Arbuthnot, of Kittybrewster, and of Lady Arisushnot, of Fairholt Street, SW7. and Tanya, younger daughter of the late Mr Michael Bowyer Bower and of Mrs Bowyer Bower, of Devon.

Mr T.G.C. Billiorough and Miss G. Martyn

The engagement is announced between Timothy George Crossley, son of Dick and Jean Bilborough, of Diss, Norfolk, and Georgiana, twin daughter of the late Denys Martyn and of Mrs Paul Adair, of Glanwysg, Gilwern, Gwent.

Mr A.J. Bott and Miss C.A.L. Middlessas

The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of Mr and Mrs Harry Bott, of shire, and Amabel, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs Keith Middleman, of West Burton Keith Middlemas, of West Burton Flouse, West Burton, West Sussex.

and Mrs R.K. Hernig.

The engagement is announced between Peter Gray, Master of Gonville and Caius College. Cambridge, and Rachel Katharine Herzig, nee Bunton, widow of the late. Christopher Herzig, of Horsham, West Susser.

Mr D.C. McCormick and Miss V. Bowley

The engagement is announced between Dughall Conor, younger son of Mr and Mrs From Mo Cormick, of Saffron Walden, Essex, and Victoria, daughter of Mr. and, Mrs. Frank Bowley, of Whitnash, Learnington Spa, Warwickshire.

Mr P.H. Osm and Miss F.H. Galloway

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late Mr. Ronald Frank Osman and of Mrs Jo Osman, of Porth Navas, Comwall, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Iain Galloway, of

and Miss E.J. Moss The engagement is announced, between Ben, the second of the five sons of Mr and Mrs Brian Thornton, of Lydney, Gloucestershire,

and Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Moss. of

Reeston, Nottingham. Marriages

Mr T.P. Cabot and Miss S.R.E. Snow

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Glynde, near Lewes, East Sussex, of Mr Timothy Cahot, younger son of Mr Lewis Cabot, of Maine, United States, and of Lady Thompson, of Princeton, New Jersey, to Miss Sara Snow, younger daughter of the late Mr Peter Snow and of Viscountess Hampden, of Glynde. The Rev Dr P.A. Lynn officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Alexander Snow, was attended by Tessa Pilkington, Christiana Hambro, Elizabeth Snow, Edward Rabben, and Joseph Snow. Mr Edward Cabot was best man. A reception was held at Glynde Place and the honeymoon will be spen

Mr A.B. Ivers and Miss Y.L. Mitchell

The marriage took place on February 10, at The Edgwarebury. Pletree of Mr. Anders Iversen, son of Mr and Mrs Niels Iversen, of East Sussex, to Miss Yvonne Mitchell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Wilce Mitchell, of London.

Mr R.A.B. Moore and Miss C.M. Stewart The marriage took place on Felp.
rusry 10, at the Brompton Oratory.
London, between Mr Rupert Moore, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Moore, of London, and Miss Catherine Stewart, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Stewart, of Southport, Connecticut, Father

David Martin officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Catherine Moore, Miss Sophie Moore, Miss Harriet Bury, Mrs Noemi Stewart, Laura Saunders, Poppy Skepper, Max Saunders and Miss Michelle Borsuk, maid of honour, Mr Frank Bury was best man. A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent

Memorial service

Professor Donald David Sir Terence English, Master of St Catharine's, College, Cambridge, was present at a memorial service for Professor Donald Davie, poet-and honorary fellow of the college.

held on Saturday in the college chapel. The Rev Paul Langham, chaplain, officiated.

Dr Mark Davie, son, read the lesson and Ms Elaine Peinstein read Professor Davie's #I take the Wings of the Moraling Mr. Seamus, Heaney, Professor Charles Tomlinson and Mr Clive Wilmer also read Professor Da-

Mr Michael Schmidt gave an address. The Right Rev Hugh Montellore pronounced the bless

ing. King Moshoeshoe El of Ezsotio A memorial celebration was held A memorat celebration was held for King Moshoeshoe II of Lesotho at the Africa Centre, London WCI, on Saturday, It was organised by the Institute for Democracy and

Human Rights in Africa, of which the late King was the chief creator. Lord O'Brien of Lothbury

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lord O'Brien of Lothbury. GBE, PC, FRCM, will be held in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, the Crypt, St Paul's Cathedral at 11.30am on Thursday, Merch 14.

Those attending are requested to take their seats by il.15am. For further information, please contact further information, please contact the Assistant Secretary, Bank of

A memorial meeting for James
Cyde Mitchell, MA Ozon; FBA,
will be held in Nuffield Q Vege
14-8 Oxford on Saturday, Feb-Hall, Oxford, on Saturday, ruary 24, 1996, at 2.30pm.

Events

The Oueen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00.

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7	ASTOR - On February 8th 1996, to Diana and Robert, a sun, Nicholas Louis Robert.
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•	ARRUS - On 6th Pebruary, to Elizabeth (née Farrell) and Michael, a son, William Richard, a brother for Nicholm

HILLS - On February 7th, to Harriet (née Peter-Hoblyn) and George, a daughter.

SCOTT To Michael and Gillian (nee Coulinard), a son, James Laurence William on 2nd February 1996

DEATHS

BARNES - Albert William, known as Barney. Beloved humand of Clarice, who died a month before him and father of Rosemary, died peacefully on February 2th 1996 in Lymington Hospital, aged 94. For 34 years he was a Master, then Second Master, at Portora Royal School, Emistidlen. Puneral at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday February 18th at 2pm. No Rowers but a donation in lieu to a charity of your choice. a donation in lieu w a consider of your choice.

8USBY - Edith Joan, 6th

February 1996, suddenly at home, the much loved sister of Derek and Rosamond, will of Darek and Rossmand, will be sadly missed by her family and sil who knew her. Service at St. Loke's Church Cresty. Liverpool on Wednesday 14th February at Wednesday 14th February at 12 noon. Interment following at Birkdale Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but doublins if so desired to The Worldwide Fund for Nature of The British Heart Foundation.

Nature or The British Heart Foundation.

CARLILL Vice Admiral Sir Stephen Hope KRE. CB. D80. on the 9th Feb 1996 aged 93. Deacefully at Evendue House. Colwan, Mahrem. Devoted hasband of the isth Hills and nuch loved father. Breindfather proud graticondisting. Cremation at Worcester Camatorium on Thursday Asht February by 1.30. bis. Service of the loadying and Committed at All Schin. Carrie, Millered on Sen Lymangian Hanks on Thursday 22nd February at 2 pm. Family Reversing Asht. Desach, Millered on Sen Lymangian Hanks on Thursday 22nd February at 2 pm. Family Revers only. Lower British Reversing Millered School. C/o Diamond and Son Funeral Directors. 9-11 Lower Brickland R4 Lymingian Hanks SOA1 91N

DAVEY - Norman Charles.
OHE, on 5th February 1996.
In the Royal Sussex County
Hospital, with his family
around him. Special to many
but particularly to Colette.
Sandra. Caroline. Ian.
Simon. Marion and Louisa.
Fineral service will be at
Worthing Crematorisms at
2.40 p.m. on Friday 16th
February. Flowers, or if
destrad, donations to the
Leukaemie Research Fund.
- Clo Cooper & Son Pusers,
Services. 42 High Street,
Lewes. East Sussex. Tel:
(01273) 476567.

DELISS - Cosmo Joschin Ian Balliazar, died suidenly en 24th January aged 25. Funeral to be beid en Wedoseday 14th February in St Peter's Church. Priors

DEATHS DEATHS CHIGNALL - Geoffrey Cranston aged 51, died peacefoly on 7th February after a long and courageous fight against cancer. His much loved Pamela, brothers, sisher, tamily and dear friends deeply mourn his sad passing. The timeral service will be held at St. Lawrence Parish Church, Bovingdon, Herts on Wednesday 14th February at 12 neon. All friends are invited. Family flowers only plasse but denations if desired to either Cancer Research Campaign c/o Mrs. Camming. Old Red Lion Farm. Sarrati, Herts or in The Friends of Michael Sobell House. Mount Vernon, Northwood, Middleser. MARVEY - On Sh February, Angela, wife of Ronald, mother of Rosanna and Julien. After Mosen havely fought. Much loved and sorely missed. Funeral private. No flowers. Donations & desired to St. Wiltrid's Hospice. Chichester.

HARWOOD - .E Codfrey on Sih February aged 95. Loving inshead of the late Hendrika. Mourared by Stephan. Nicola and Gallian. Funeral at Portchesler Crematerium at 12.30 pm on Monday 19th Fabruary. No flowers: docations if desired to Emercord Stroke Cish c/o Windpit and Sema. 25 High Street Emercorth PO10 7EG.

HAYSELDEN - Gordon.
Peacefully on 3rd February
1996. Beloved husband of
Verenica. Infiber of Susan,
and Carol. grandfather of
Dale. Jay. Cantilla and
Aiden. A much treasured
and respected friend to
many. Private funeral.
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CLEMENT - Malcohn V.H.
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levest father and grandfather
who will be greaty missed
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few mostles difficult without
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now be together again.
Funeral Friday 16th
February at 4 pm al
Southead Crematerium.
Family flowers only. HOSSON - Berthe Etzabeth, formerly of Argentina, died peacefully aged 90 at home in Rustington, Sussex. Beloved wife of the late Tony, darling mother of Sec. Virginia and Dalsy, and much loved grandmother and great-prantmother. Funeral on 15th February at St. Margaret's Church, Warnham, Sussex, at 12 noon. Enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd. (01903) 234 516. Southers Crymaterium.
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Decadings if desired to either
Marie Carls Cancer Care of
S.G.E.N.T., c/o 21 Enderton.
Road. Westcliff-on-Sea.
Emer. 580 BAG.

CHAVEN - On February Sth at Royal Hospital, Calow, Chesterfield, George Thomas JOHNSON - Kathleen Jessie, wife of Christopher, mother of Paul. Lydia. Emily and Helen. On the 9th of February at Marazion, Comwall. Chesterfield. George Thomas aged 55 after a short libres. Much loved husband of Daphne, father of Lucy and Robert, grandfather of Sophie Elizabeth. Cression at Chesterfield February 13th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Ashover Ward Trust Fund. Royal Hospital. Calow. Chesterfield, 644 SBL.

MURBAY - Bunty (née Neathy) on 9th February peacefully at the Old Prebendal House Nursing Home aged 51 years. Widow of Peser and devoted mother of Hugh and Anne. The Fimeral Service will be at Coln St. Aldwyns on Thursday 16 th February at 11 am Dunations to Great Ormond Street Hospital NEWBOLD - On 8th February

NEWROLD - On 8th February 1996, Tathus (sée Arthur) aged 81, at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kest. Peacefully after a short imess, Dearty lyred wife of the late Hugh and Michael, and grandma. Funeral Service at St Gregory and St Martin Church, Wye, Kest on February 18th 5.18pm followed by cremation at Charing Crematorium at Agus. Family flowers only.

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OBITUARIES

REAR-ADMIRAL CLARENCE HOWARD-JOHNSTON

Rear-Admiral Clarence Howard-Johnston, CB, DSO, DSC. wartime anti-U-boat director, died on January 26 aged 92. He was born on October 13, 1903.

VICTORY or defeat in the Second World War was determined by the outcome of the Battle of the Atlantic. Winston Churchill once remarked that the only thing that ever really fright-ened him during the war was the U-boat peril. For the Allies it was an essentially defensive campaign of science and strategem, where success depended less upon the application of individual skill, training, and courage, under conditions of extreme hardship, than upon technological invention, sagacious planning and high-level strategic insight. Clarence Howard-Johnston, who

was always known as "Johnny" to his friends, was intimately involved in every aspect of this struggle, from the early days of hands-on technical development through convoy escort command to the influential heights of staff work at the level of Churchill's War

The son of American and Scottish engineering families, with interests in Peru and Russia, Howard-Johnston was brought up in Nice, and first went to sea as plain Midshipman Johnston in 1922, serving in several battleships on the Home and Mediterranean stations. He later adopted one of his famer's given names in order "to lift himself out of the ruck of Johnstons in

he Navy List.

After a secondment to Paris to polish up his French, he was dispatched in 1929 to the China station as the secondin-command of the gunboat Tarantula, dealing with pirates on the Yangste. and West rivers.

But in 1931 he found his natural bent. An ingenious man with a talent for innovation and logical inquiry, he volunteered to specialise in anti-submarine warfare. He was soon serving in the destroyer flotilla leaders Woolston and Faulknor as the antisubmarine expert for their groups, and later earned an Admiralty commendation for the invention of the "Johnston Mobile Target for training Asdic operators. During the Spanish Civil War, the Faulknor was engaged in evacuating refugees including, on one occasion, an entire convent of nuns from Barcelona.

Promoted to the rank of commander in 1937. Howard-Johnston had a short tour in command of the destroyer Viscount before being appointed direc-tor of studies at the Greek Naval



Academy in Athens, where he was awarded the Order of the Phoenix by the King of the Hellenes.

During the unsuccessful campaign to protect Norway against German invasion in April 1940, Howard-Johnston commanded a force of antisubmarine trawlers in the fiords and was sunk by air attack, with three of his ships. Having been rescued, he played a part in the evacuation of troops from Andalsnes and Molde, for which he was awarded the DSC.

In June 1940 he transported eight tons of explosive to St Malo in the sloop Wild Swan. During the evacuation of the port he and his ream continued demolitions until the enemy's advanced troops were almost at the gates. He received a mention in dispatches for this exploit.

A less adventurous period in the Anti-Submarine Warfare Division of the Admiralty was followed by appointment to command the destroyer Malcolm and Escort Group BI2 in December 1940. The U-boat war was hotting up: in that month 42 Allied ships had been sunk - but no U-boats.

A contemporary commanding of-

ficer, Commander D. A. Rayner, wrote that he regarded Howard-Johnston as the finest senior officer in the Western Approaches and B12 the best group. He described him thus: Fair-baired and of medium stature. he had the figure of a young man. Perhaps my strongest memory is of the terrific enthusiasm with which he approached every problem. Although he flogged us nearly to death in a never-ending search for efficiency, he never fussed us with unnecessary signals and held us together by a team spirit that neither wind, weather nor

the enemy could break." And Escort Group B12 did have a remarkable record. Through the terrible summer months of 1941, theyescorted L229 ships without loss. They sank only one submarine, for which Howard-Johnston was awarded the DSO but, as he said at the time, "our business is to bring home the merchantmen. Sinking the enemy will come later."

After a short period in command of the destroyer Hurricane on escort duty, and by then widely recognised as a master of tactics, he was appointed in June 1942 — the worst of all months of the battle - to the staff of Admiral Sir Percy Noble, the C-in-C Western Approaches. Based at Liverpool, this headquarters under Noble and subsequently Sir Max Horton played a crucial role. As Anti-Submarine Staff Officer, Howard-Johnston was a hard taskmaster: his judgments, as shown in the official histories, must have been painful reading to those at sea who had forgotten that the prime aim was the safe and timely arrival of the convoy, and not the glamorous sinking of U-

Promoted captain, he was sent in October 1943 to the Admiralty as the Director of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Division until the end of the war. This highly responsible post for a young captain knitted together all the intelligence and operational strands of the anti-submarine business and was answerable for briefing the War Cabinet.

At the end of the war, Howard-Johnston commanded the cruiser Bermuda in the Far East, where he was awarded the US Legion of Merit. His French connections helped him towards a tour as naval attaché at the Paris Embassy followed by command of the underwater warfare school, HMS Vernon, at Portsmouth. Here he promoted the use of helicopters to hunt bmarines, a sine qua non today. He retired and was appointed CB in

1955, having had a final tour as a rearadmiral and as Nato Chief of Staff to the Flag Officer, Central Europe.

In retirement his prime concern was to build a wildfowl habitat in the Basque country near Bayonne. This required the conversion of a dilapidated mill at Bardos, much hydraulic innovation and the creation of a system of lakes. He was awarded the Mérite Agricole for this work. It would seem likely that he is the only British rearadmiral to be so honoured. Basques are a clarmish people, but many attended his funeral in tears.

He was three times married; his son Richard by his first marriage was a sub-lieutenant under training with his classmates in the Affray when that submarine was lost with all hands in the Channel on April 17, 1951. His second marriage to Lady Alexandra, daughter of Earl Haig, was also dissolved. In 1955 he married Paulette Helieu and is survived by her and the two sons and daughter of the second marriage.

SIR JOHN BADENOCH

Sir John Badenoch consultant physician and lecturer at Oxford University, died on January 16 aged 75. He was born on March 8,

JOHN BADENOCH taught several generations of medical students at Oxford University first as Director of Clinical Studies, 1954-65, and then for twenty years as a consultant physician at the United Ox-ford Hospitals, as the group of Oxford hospitals was then known, and as a university ecturer. He was at his most effective

as a bedside teacher - guiding students on his ward rounds and taking them through the history and examination of a patient. He continued to call students by their surnames long after this practice had fallen out of fashion in the rest of the university, and to call patients by their full title. While Badenoch was capable of great charm, over-familiarity was anathema to him.

John Badenoch was the son of a Scottish family doctor who practised in London, and he began his preclinical studies in Oxford in 1938. In 1941 he was awarded a Rockefeller student fellowship to complete his studies at Cornell University in New York State. He returned to Oxford in 1943 after a long, adventurous. wartime crossing of the Atlan-tic. Soon after his arrival he passed the final medical examinations of Oxford University and became house physician to the professorial unit. In 1944 he married Anne Forster and then left Oxford again. this time as a major in the RAMC, serving first in Africa and then in command of a military hospital in Kent A spell in general practice in London followed but he was more interested in combining clinical practice with teaching and research. Thus he returned to Oxford in 1949 as a research fellow in the Nuffield

department of medicine. He studied nutritional anaemias and bone diseases caused by malabsorption from the gut and then became, serendipitously, the first person to perform the now widely practised biopsy of the muco-sal lining of the gut. His thesis, based on these studies,



degree in 1952. Badenoch loved teaching, particularly at the bedside. and in 1954 he was appointed Director of Clinical Studies, at a time when the Oxford Medical School was going through a turbulent period of growth and development. His steadying influence on the capricious professoriate helped to estab-lish what is now one of the outstanding medical schools in the country. He remained in that post for II years.

He was invited to sit on numerous committees, including the planning committee for the new John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, an experience that stood him in good stead when he was asked to advise on setting up the clinical school in Cambridge, and some years later a medical school in Oman.

His association with Merton College began in 1965 when he became a Fellow and he was Sub-Warden, 1976-78. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 1959 and was invited to give the Goulstonian Lecture the following year, an honour restricted to one of the youngest newly-elected fellows.

The college used him in various capacities - as examiner and chairman of the examining board, as pro-censor, censor and senior censor, and as the Hans Sloane Fellow, 1985-91, responsible for arranging hospital training in Britain for overseas doctors. He was knighted in 1984.

Retirement from clinical practice in 1985 brought no respite, and more work was piled upon him. The Government asked him to lead inquiries into the outbreak of legionnaires' disease in Stafford and into the contamination with cryptosporidium of the Norfolk Broads and other areas of the Anglian Water region; he chaired the Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, was a member of the General Medical Council and the British Heart Foundation executive council.

Yet he still found time for nature study, especially ornithology, for photography using an "electronic eye" to capture on film the nocturnal badger and an occasional poacher — and for travel. When he and his wife felt the need to recharge their batteries, they found peace in Strath Spey, the lands of the Badenochs in northeast Scot-

He is survived by his wife,

SHARMAN DOUGLAS

Sharman Douglas, New York socialite and charity worker, died from cancer on February 3 aged 67. She was born on October 5, 1928.

SHARMAN DOUGLAS Was the vivacious blonde daughter of ewis Douglas, the American Ambassador to the Court of St James's during the late 1940s. She attracted a good. deal of attention in her own right when she first arrived in London, but it was her subsequent friendship with Princess Margaret which really defined her life, and which brought her lasting celebrity in both Britain and America. Her father Lewis W. Doug-

las had inherited his vast wealth from the family's copper mines in Arizona. He built a political career as a Democratic Congressman, before being rewarded with the London Embassy in 1947. Sharman - known to all as Sass - was educated at Brearley School and at Vassar, which she left to accompany her parents to London. She was a no-nonsense, gregarious young woman who loved the outdoors and sports, particularly riding, tennis and basketball. She was also very photogenic, tall with flaxen hair and deep blue eyes. Reporters took an immediate interest in her Ametion hars and quaint flat shoes. In her turn, she was preshingly candid with them. She admitted, for in-stance, to being "petrified" of meeting the Royal Family. She did not have long to wait for the introduction and by the following year, despite her misgivings, had become firm friends with Princess

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Sharman Douglas with Princess Margaret in 1950

Margaret. The Princess was, Sharman's friends — English and American - and a group of these would meet for high-spirited evenings at the American Residence, unregarded by inquisitive reporters. But, of course, the newspapers were fascinated with Sharman, as they were with anyone close to the glamorous young Princess, and they promptly christened this new group of friends the "Margaret Set". In fact, as Princess Margaret was the first to point out, they the Princess's new friends hospitality. Her weekends tion, from Friday until Tues-

were introduced to her by in her turn, introduced to Sharman. But, when Sharman returned to America in. ... 1950, Margaret became the

new centre of the group. Gossip columns were filled with the most minute details of Sharman's social life. There was the party she hosted in 1949, for instance, at which Princess Elizabeth arrived dressed as an Edwardian parfour maid. Prince Philip as a waiter and Princess Margaret as a can-can dancer. If Sharman brought a welcome breeze of American informalwere, if anything, the ity to English society, she "Sharman Set". Nearly all of received in turn a great deal of

were spent in grand country houses, and she was one of the first Americans to drive in the royal procession at Ascot. for Jame Russell and Robert There were even rumours of Mitchum, and became a theher impending engagement to atre angel with her own the Marquess of Haven.

Both she and Princess Margaret were stage-struck, and would often go to the theatre together. When they were watching American actors, Sharman had no compunction about taking Princess Margaret backstage afterwards to meet the stars. It was on one of these informal evenings at the London Palladium that Princess Margaret met Danny Kaye, of whom she became a close friend. Apart from her hectic social

life, Sharman tried to take her ioh as the Amhassador's daughter seriously. She was often called upon to act as a deputy hostess to her mother, and she put herself through her own version of "finishing school" — visiting juvenile courts, youth clubs, children's hospitals and Scotland Yard in order better to understand British life. She also did a secretarial course, after which she thought it might be fun to

get a job. In 1950 her father returned to America and Sharman returned with him. She had already worked as a social secretary with Jean Simmons, and now she was appointed publicity agent to Sir Alexander Korda. Hollywood was amused by her Anglicised. ways. She did not care much about her salary or for clocking in at the office punctually in the mornings. And she insisted on taking a long weekend, in the British tradiday. But she was extremely able at her work. During the 1950s she did publicity work company, Sass Incorporated In 1966 she was appointed

Commissioner of Public Events in New York, with a brief from the Mayor, John Lindsay, to "bring some class" into the department. She was an immensely talented hostess, and she took great pains over details, finding out what sort of flowers and food her guests liked. She continued to work in public relations until her death, organising charitable Anglo-American benefits and in this way helping to cement the Anglo-American relationship. She was one of the brightest stars among her group of friends in New York, and despite being ill for the past year, remained sprightly and independent. Her friendship with the

Royal Family never waned. She arranged the visit of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon to Hollywood in 1965, and entertained the Duke of Edinburgh during his visits to the States. She visited London at least once a year, often staying at Claridge's, If she was holding a reception, even a very small one for a dozen people, it was not un-usual to see the Queen there. To her regret, she never had children. After politely deflecting inquiries about her personal life for many years. Sharman Douglas married in 1968 Andrew Hay, the president of a food importing firm. But it was not a happy marriage, and they were di-vorced in 1977. She is survived

by her two brothers.

SIR RICHARD ALLEN

Sir Richard Allen. KCMG. Ar Burma, 1956-62, died on January 16 aged 92. He was born on February 3.

RICHARD ALLEN may have had a conventional Foreign Office career but, for a diplomat, he certainly enjoyed an unconventional retirement. On leaving the British Embassy in Rangoon at the age of 59. he accepted a post as a lecturer at the University of Wall-Walla in Washington State on the West Coast of America. He later held visiting lectureships at other US universities, notably those of Oregon and Virginia. A recognised authority on what was not then called 'the Pacific Rim", he was the author of two books on the politics of South-East Asia.

Richard Hugh Sedley Allen was educated at the Royal Naval Colleges of Osborne and Dartmouth and then. having been invalided out of the Navy as an officer cadet, at New College, Oxford, After two years as a junior assistant secretary to the Governor of Palestine, he joined the Foreign Office in 1927 and was then posted to Tokyo two years later. He learnt enough Japanese to qualify for a language allowance, and throughout his career made a point of buckling down to learn even the most difficult languages of his various postings (he also mastered Russian). After Prague, Berne and Bogotá, Allen did a spell of three years at the Foreign Office during the Second World War. He in Burma's economic life. It went to Warsaw from 1945 to 1950. There followed a succession of posts in Latin America - minister (that is, number two) in Buenos Aires, after which he was appointed CMG, and then minister in charge of the Legation at Guatemala, 1954-56. His last post was also his

longest. He served as Ambassedor to Burma for six eventful years, 1956-62, an exciting



period of Burma's postwar history. The worst of the civil war, which followed independence, was over. U Nu, the Prime Minister, was a promi-nent figure in the Non-Aligned Movement. In spite of war damage, much of the country's infrastructure was still in reasonably good shape. British firms (such as the Burmah Oil Company and the Bombay-Burma Trading Company) still played an important part

was not until the militar clampdown of 1962 that the country was turned into a hermit nation for a quarter of a century. Fortunately for Allen, this was his last year en poste as Ambasador. Alien was appointed KCMG in 1960, the last Brit-

ish Ambassador to Burma to receive a knighthood. Rangoon gossip had it that this unusual honour was to be explained by the fact that a particular type of large lizard, a well-known harbinger of good fortune, had recently made its home behind the picture of the Queen in the Ambassador's residence.

In addition to his two books on South-East Asia - the first was specifically on Malaysia Alien also wrote more ambitiously on the Arab-Is-raeli conflict. His Imperialism and Nationalism in the Fertile Crescent (1974) was highly praised at the time. On his return from America he went to live in Brittany and, when that turned out not to be a success, retired to live by the sea in Chichester. He was always interested in the young, with an eye for pretty women, and in his old age in Chichester attracted a bevy of young people who were happy to look after him and to be entertained by his suave and witty accounts of his varied

He married in 1945 Juliet Home Thomson who, along with their son, predeceased him. He is survived by a

Church news

The Right Rev John Richards. Bishop of Ebbsileet to be also an Assistant Bishop in the diocese of Bath and Wells.

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wston: to be Vicar, Burwell (Ely).
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The Rev Shelagh Phillips: to be Associate Director of Training The Rev Stephen Raine, Vicar, St Edwin's, Dunscroft (Sheffield): to be Vicar, St Mary's, Kettering

The Rev Jenny Smith, Assistant Curate, and Chaplain of Bradford Cathedral: to be Priest-in-charge, Kelbrook (Bradford). Recienations and retirements

The Rev Colin Hurford, Rectur, Team Ministry of Billingham St Aidan and St Luke (Durham): to resign as from June 30. The Rev Donald Sparkes, Vicar, Christ Church, Pissmoor (Sheffield): to retire September 30. The Rev Noel Toogood, Vicar,

TREMORS SHAKE 11 COUNTIES CASUALTIES IN MIDLANDS

An earth tremor, generally agreed to have been the most severe and widespread in Britain for many years, was felt in 11 counties in the Midlands yesterday. It occurred at approximately 3.45pm and its effects were felt in towns as far apart as Blackpool and Sheffield in the North, Grimsby in the East, and Bristol in the West.

There were many reports of chimneys topping masonry being dislodged and other damage. In Derby a boy struck by falling debris suffered a fractured skull. Several people were treated for minor injuries and shock.

The counties affected were Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, Lincolnshire,

Gloucenershire, and Warwickshire. People in a Nottingham cinema became alarmed when the acreen began shaking. Women screamed and several people were knocked down in a right to the exits. The staff shoulted to the madjence to remain in their seats, but many people ignored the appeal.

A large crack appeared in the wall of Nottingham ambulance headquarters. A chimney stack which collapsed in Norton

ON THIS DAY

February 12, 1957

Seismologists may not have been much impressed by these tremors, but buildings were shaken and chimney pots toppled in towns as far apart as Blackpool and Bristol

Street crashed through a garage roof, severely damaging the car inside. In Duke Street, where another chimney stack colapsed, a sence inside the house began to smoulder and

had to be removed. At Nottingham Divorce Court the walls and the camopy above Judge R.S. Nicklin's head vibrated violently. Proceedings stopped but were resumed after the tremor.

The boy injured is Paul Stevenson, aged four, who was walking with his mother, Mrs. Jean Stevenson, aged 28, of Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby, in Markeaton Street, Derby. She saw a chimney stack falling and told the boy to run, but the masonry struck him. He was detained in hospital. Mrs Stevenson, who was carrying her daughter aged four months, was struck on the leg by a ece of the chimney as she ran, bending over her baby to protect her.

A Derby fire brigade official said: "Engines and tenders were racing round the town trying

to keep up with the alarms. In as many minutes we had 64 reports of chimney stacks crashing to the ground," Several thousand miners in the area were

deep underground when the tremors occurred. Pit props were shaken, and trolleys full of coal rocked on their rails. In spite of the alarm work at all the pits continued after a delay.

Twenty-five girls working at the factory of the Royal Crown Derby Procelain Company Limited, were saved by a sunshine roof. A large chimney pot fell down towards them and shattered the glass, but the wire reinforced roof held the dropping masonry.

The tremor was recorded at 3.44 pm in the Leicestershire coalfield area. People in mining towns and villages ran from their homes fearing there had been an underground explosion. Houses were shaken and some people were thrown to the ground by the violence of the vibrations which persisted for

NEWS

MI5 warning of more bombs

John Major held talks with senior Cabinet colleagues in Downing Street to finalise a security clampdown aimed at foiling a renewed IRA bombing campaign on the mainland.

After the Docklands attack, which killed two and injured more than 100, it emerged that MI5 had warned the Government a month ago to expect a renewal of violence. MIS also said that there would be more terrorist attacks on the mainland and possibly in Northern Ireland Pages I, 2, 3

Rift between London and Dublin

■ The Prime Minister was trying to contain a serious new rift with Dublin over the events which led to Friday's bomb and an end to the 17-month IRA ceasefire. At the same time, President Clinton pledged to do all in his power to rescue the Irish peace

Jockey hurt

leading jockeys and three times a Derby winner, was unconscious in an intensive care unit of a Hong Kong hospital after falling Page 1 in a race....

Lightning marks

Victims of the world's biggest multiple lightning strike were left with odd skin markings and have shown strange psychological effects since they were injured five months ago ...

Reading gaps

Academics said that English Alevel syllabuses which allowed schools to avoid virtually all pre-20th century literature were creating alarming gaps in the reading of students arriving at university...

Carroll's puzzies

A series of baffling puzzles and brain-teasers invented by Lewis Carroll to amuse Victorian children and Oxford dons has been uncarthed....

Flower power

British botanists are spearheading a campaign to save some of the world's most endangered and

Boy's drink spiked

A boy was suffering from complete memory loss a week after his drink was apparently spiked with drugs at a party to celebrate ____Page 7 the end of exams

Blair attack

Walter Swinburn, one of Britain's Tony Blair launched a scathing attack on the Conservatives as the party of privilege and ridiculed their devotion to "a small Tory _Page 8

Forbes stumbles

Steve Forbes, the millionaire publisher, appeared to have stumbled in the minefields of lowa's caucuses as the battle for the soul of the Republican Party reached a nadir of negative campaigning.... Israeli election

Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, formally announced his intention of holding early general

Dollars for Russia The United States Treasury is to

unload millions of its new \$100 notes - which are supposedly counterfeit-proof .. Page 12

Security gaps

Seven weeks before the European Union starts revamping the Maastricht treaty, the 15 member states have given themselves a fresh lesson in their inability to take joint charge of security in their own backyard Page 12

Keating ahead

Paul Keating, the Australian Prime Minister, emerged marginally ahead of the Opposition leader, John Howard, in a nationally televised debate Page 13

Computer beats gloomy Kasparov

First blood in the chess match between a computer and Garry Kasparov, the world champion, went to the machine. Against expectations, IBM's rapier-quick Deep Blue computer won the first of six scheduled matches, to whoops of joy from computer programmers. Kasparov was reported to be in a gloom after resigning on the 37th move.

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The Duchess of Kent meets women in a slum area of Varanasi, India, during a visit to mark the 50th anniversary of Unicef

Gas leak: Last week's demerger plans from British Gas could mean

the loss of huge potential tax revenues from the company's Morecambe Bay field Page 44 On trief: The hearing starts today of another milestone fraud case: the

trial of Elizabeth Forsyth, a former adviser to Asil Nadir Page 44 TV wars: Michael Green's Carlton Communications is widely tipped as the protagonist to upset a marriage between United News and

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Wagner triumphant: At the London Coliseum, English National Opera has staged a thrilling production of Wagner's Tristan and Isolde, conducted by Mark Elder Page 15

Persions profession: The story of a child psychiatrist who is subjected to physical and verbal attacks is the subject of Stephen Poliakoff's powerful new play at the Hampstead Theatre, Sweet Panic Page 15 Cézanne of the day: The masterly

Mont Sainte-Victoire seen from Bibemus, painted in about 1897, is Richard Cork's choice from the Tate's current Cézanne .. Page 15 Coltrane by Clark: Jazz band leader

Clark Tracey has compiled a tribute to John Coltrane for his most ... Page 44 | recent London gigs Page 15 .

Just good friends: When the queen comes to stay with the Carnarvoids. as she has done for 40 years, she shares the family roast. Mary Riddell talks to Lady Carnarvon. chatelaine of Highelere Castle and loyal royal friend Page 17

Just say shal Age is a state of mind, says best-selling author Gail Sheehy, who argues that there is life after 50 — what she calls "secand adulthood

Taking genetic adventage: The race is on to find a "safe" genetic test which would predict whether an unborn baby is likely to develop a disease later in life. The first in a two-part series about you and your-

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FUTURE PERFECT From you to your baby, part two: the package.... pregnancy

GOOD FELLA Hollywood director as the shift of a rice.

Martin Scorrese comes Martin Scorcese comes

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CocasCola Cup: An own goal by ChassWhyte of Birmingham City, presented Leeds United, with a 2-1 withing in the first leg of the semi-lihal. Page 23 failed to break the deadlock over the refusal by Australia and West Indies to play in Sri Lanka. Both forfeit two points Pages 23, 25 Football: Liverpool strengthened their position as third in the Premiership with a 2-1 victory over Queens Park Rangers Page 27 Rugby union: Rob Andrew, the former England stand-off half, kickstarted Newcastle's plans to join the game's clife, but was unable to

prevent defeat in the Pilkington Rugby league: Wigan lost in the Challenge Cup for the first time in nine years, their record being broken by Salford, who best them 26le in the fifth round Page 24 Athletics: Aisha Hansen broke the British and Commonwealth triple jump records at Birmingham, but still attracted criticism from her coach for not showing enough speed down the runway ... Page 37 Racing: Walter Swinburn, the Newmarket based jocked was tak-en maconscious to a flong Kong hospital intensive care unit after

4 H. M. E. 28, 52, Bonus 6.

Proview: There is nothing new under the sun, even in the gap between the earth's atmosphere and outer space: Masters of the Ionosphere (BBC2, 8pm). Review: Lynne Truss liked Ballykissangel

Themselves alone

The IRA has still to learn that violence-does not pay. The best way ! is to try to bind together all those . with an interest in seeing democracy determine Northern Ireland's future____Page 19

Warm economic front

Consumers are becoming more confident about their financial future, less pessimistic about the state of the economy and less insecure about their jobs Page 19

Delicious culture

It is good news that the French are starting to fight the craze for le fast food - and in a manner belitting the masters of the omelette, the finest fast food

WILLIAM REES-MOGG Three days ago there was a united demand for early talks, supported by the whole coalition that Goty Adams had put together. Now the

nationalist front is completely

broken PETER RIDDELL

While there has been much smugness in London over the recent doubts in Germany about the timetable for monetary union, no one should underestimate Kohl's determinationPage 18

Rear-Admiral Clarence Howard-

Johnston, wartime anti-U-boat director: Sharman Douglas, New York socialite; Sir John Badenoch, consultant physician and lecturer; Sir Richard Allen, Ambassador to Burma, 1956-62.....

London bomb: need for new house

in the countryside: China's threat to Taiwan

The IRA cannot cannot gain more through terror than they can through the patient pursuit of peace. If anything, a new campaign of herror will only set back their

cause and wound their people

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- i Puzzle concerning coach (5).
- 4 Prince's container with a piece of meat rejected by a husband (9).
- 9 Adjust to accommodate island's form of social organization (9). 10 Cruel mistreatment makes us sore
- 11 Follow directions and go into action (5).
- 12 Fish caught in rolling swell show-ing extra damage (9). 13 Many-sided figure beginning to
- compose an essay in study (7). 15 Musical passage unknown in a dance composition (7). 18 One ruling about entering disputed border region (7).
- 20 Unending wish to limit the old man's hopelessness (7). 21 Restricted in movement after
- heavy fall (9). Crime some fear so needlessly (5).

BERLOUP

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,087 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberiour single highland malt whisky.

- 25 Appearance of male during ad-
- 26 Revolutionary device once used when serving porridge (9).
- 27 Modern song about treat organized by daughter (6-3).28 Expression of disgust over prospects here in North America? (5). DOWN
- 1 Port makes bad lot upset bananas Releases cricket gear (5).
- 3 Old street cleaner that is the retaliative type (9). Representation of Nemesis in Dresden (7).
- 5 Classically imposing residence mostly novel for Victorians (7). 6 Hooligan knocks top off food container (5). 7 Wood initially judged appropriate
- club at St. Andrews (9). 8 Airer on which you might put your shirt (5).
- 14 Letter in agreement (9). 16 Base celebrity in extremely boring setting out East (9). 17 In Ireland, an unusual stimulant
- 19 Obsessed, as Scrooge was (7). 20 Decrepit stranger seen in out-skirts of Derby (7).
- 21 A single shot in the silence (5). 22 Bishop's always shown up for papai message (5). 24 Worn tire's a cause of ecological
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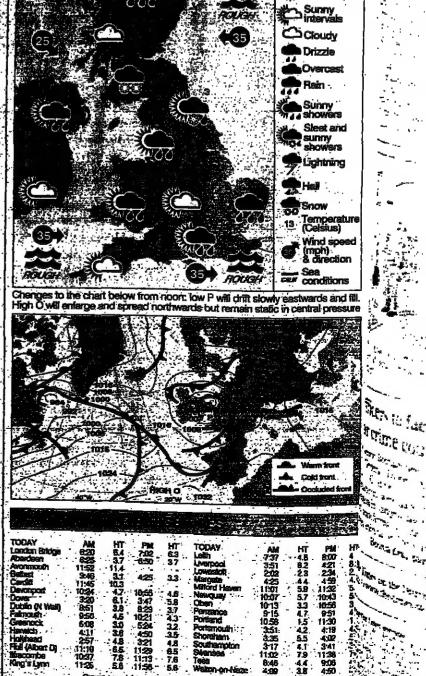
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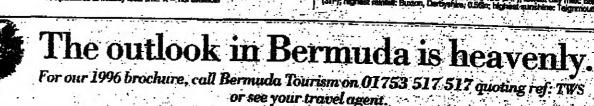
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